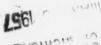
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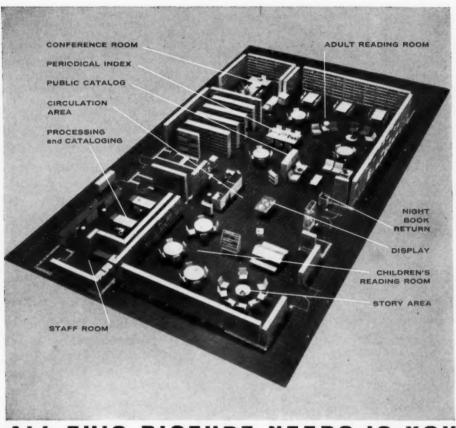
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President's Message



Dorothy B. Skau

On January 1st without ceremony or fanfare, the officers you named in March 1956 took over the respective positions to which they were elected. You have done me a great honor in asking me to serve as your president; I shall take the responsibility seriously and work zealously in the performance of the duties of this position. May I assure you that the other members of the 1957 Executive Board are likewise pledged to serve the Association and to attain its objective of promoting library interests in our State.

The chief items that have been occupying my thoughts have centered around: 1) Plans for the 1957 Convention; 2) Committee Assignments; 3) Membership Activities, and 4) Administrative problems.

Plans for the 1957 Conference began in 1955 with the selection of New Orleans for the Convention City, and continued last summer with the appointment of the convention committees. Co-chairmen Ruth Robbins and Margaret Ruckert are hard at work

coordinating the activities of the various groups. They hope to provide for you a series of stimulating meetings on "Books-Reading-Services" that will appeal to school, college, public and special librarians, and to trustees as well. We hope to make the 31st Annual Conference a memorable one.

Attention to Standing Committees came next. Few realize that there are sixty-one members serving on the standing committees, including seven in the ex-officio positions. As terms on most committees are overlapping, only about twenty-five to thirty vacancies occur each year. With the approval of the Executive Board, I filled these vacancies, and also re-confirmed the appointments that do not expire until 1957 or later. This confirmation of continuing appointments is essential in order to make sure that our committees are maintained at full strength for maximum efficiency. (See below.)

Special Committee assignments have almost been completed. Norma Durand and Peggy Harper will head the Union Catalog and Louisiana Documents Distribution Committees, and Edith Atkinson will be in charge of the Indexing of Louisiana Magazines.

A Scholarship Committee Advisory Group was also initiated last year to be composed of the retiring president and section chairmen, plus the State Librarian, State Supervisor of School Libraries, and the Director of the L.S.U. Library School. Its function will be to assist the Scholarship Committee as required.

Membership has figured prominently in my thoughts, too. You are aware, I am sure, that your first vice-president serves as exofficio chairman of this committee. How wise that assignment is I began to comprehend as my term progressed. As a science-technology librarian my professional contacts have been more or less limited to others in the special field and to members of the College & Reference Section, but a year of working with LLA membership has enriched my knowledge about all librarians and the library field in Louisiana. Although I may not recognize you face-to-face, your names—from Abbott to Zernott—mean something!

I have learned first hand of the wonderful cooperation of the personnel of the State Library, and of the parish librarians who support the Association with institutional memberships for their libraries as well as individual memberships for themselves and their trustees. It has been a fine experience to meet the school library group and to note their increasing participation in the Association. And, how proud we are of the active trustee section, almost 200, by actual count!

With the help of treasurer George Rose Ferguson, and committeemen Alice Clay (schools), Mary Ellen Tilley (public), Mrs. O. N. Reynolds (trustee), and Dora Mae Thibodeaux and Bob Mowery (college), a new high of more than 800 members for the year was attained. Now, numbers per se are not of the greatest importance in an organization, but, if an association shows a steady, healthy growth such as has been demonstrated by LLA, it is certainly a good sign. To retain members of earlier years and to add each year new, enthusiastic librarians and trustees is a worthwhile objective. Remember, however, that the Membership Committee is more or less a coordinating agency. It asks and requires each of you to be a selfappointed member of the committee, to report prospects to the chairman, and by all means to extend personal invitations your-

This job was one of the most engrossing and rewarding tasks I have ever performed for the Association. Will you help the 1957 Chairman, Mr. T. N. McMullan?

Administrative problems are facing your 1957 Board in the matter of applying for status as a non-profit and therefore tax-exempt organization. Informal legal opinion would indicate that the Association should be incorporated. Facts will be available for presentation at the annual meeting in New Orleans in March.

STANDING COMMITTEES—1957 Adult Education

Chairman, Mrs. Rubie M. Hanks, Winn Parish Library, Winnfield (1957).

Mrs. Margaret W. Walsworth, Vermilion Parish Library, Abbeville (1958).

Mrs. Lola Cooper Gates, Oakdale (1959).

Auditing

Chairman, Laura L. Leche, Marrero Junior High School, Marrero (1957).

Emelia Jesse, East Jefferson High School, Metairie (1957).

Jules Herbert Bartels, Jefferson Parish Public Library, Gretna (1957).

Constitution, By-Laws, and Manual

Chairman, Frances V. Flanders, Ouachita Parish Library, Monroe (ex-officio, 1957).

Mrs. Dorothy B. Skau, U. S. Dept. of Agr. Library, New Orleans Branch (ex-officio, 1958).

Mrs. Ruth Clark Reedy, Lake Charles High School, Lake Charles (ex-officio, 1957).

Donald N. McKenzie, Russell Library, Northwestern State College, Natchitoches (1957).

W. Dosite Postell, LSU School of Medicine, New Orleans (1958)

Federal Relations

Chairman, Sallie Farrell, Louisiana State Library, Baton Rouge (1958).

Mrs. Olin D. Moore, L. A. Sims Memorial Library, Southeastern Louisiana College, Hammond (1957).

Dr. Essae M. Culver, Louisiana State Library, Baton Rouge (ex-officio).

Intellectual Freedom

Chairman, William Carroll Bennett, Russell Library, Northwestern State College, Natchitoches (1957).

Mrs. Marvin W. Bass, Shreve Memorial Library Board, Shreveport (1957).

Mrs. Dorothy M. McFatter, Lagrange High School, Lake Charles (1957).

Miss George Rose Ferguson, Beauregard Parish Library, DeRidder (1958).

Dr. Elmer D. Johnson, Stephens Memorial Library, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette (1958).

Legislation

Chairman, Mrs. James M. Holloway, Pointe Coupee Parish Library, New Roads (1957).

James Madison, Morehouse Parish Library Board, Bastrop (1958).

Lucille A. Arceneaux, Lafayette Parish Library, Lafayette (1959).

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Past President's Report

As is the custom and requirement of the Louisiana Library Association, your 1956 president presents to the membership a summary of the work of the association for the year. Most of the work of this association is done through committee work and your executive beard. The members of the committees as well as the board members have performed their duties wholeheartedly and efficiently.

As is always true, our convention was the outstanding event of our year, and this year it was particularly enjoyable not only because of the outstanding speakers but also because we celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of our own state's library school, the Library School of the Louisiana State University. As the summer issue of the *Bulletin* covered our convention, I shall not report on it at this time.

This year's *Bulletin* was edited by Bob Mowery and Elmer Johnson. Bob edited the first and fourth issue, Elmer the second and third. Lucille Arceneaux was the able Business Manager of this publication. These people have worked diligently to give to you a good professional magazine sponsored by your association.

Your executive board met three times during the year, twice at the annual convention and once at a joint meeting of the '56 and '57 boards. A summary of this joint meeting is elsewhere in this issue.

As is evidenced by the Financial Report, our association is in sound financial condition. This report is also found elsewhere in the *Bulletin*.

The following committees have submitted reports, and the summaries are to give you an idea of the work being done by the members of our association.

Adult Education — This committee has recommended to the executive board changes in its code but no official action has been taken. The committee wishes to revise its stated functions. It has also recommended that the Louisiana Library Association incorporate in its annual meeting a program

devoted to adult education in practical application in libraries.

Auditing—The committee reports that the 1956 treasurer's records were audited and found to be in good order.

Constitution, By-Laws and Manual — There were no constitutional changes during the year. A new standing committee on Scholarship was established, and the By-Laws were changed to provide for this addition after the membership had approved the report of the Special Scholarship Committee at the 1956 annual meeting.

The manual was re-stencilled by the L.S.U. Law Library without charge to the Association. One hundred mimeographed copies of each stencil were made.

Federal Relations — This committee is happy to report that, at long last, the Library Services Bill was enacted into law. Unfortunately, the Congress did not appropriate the full amount authorized by the bill. It now appears that there will have to be an annual "push" to secure the appropriation. The chairman of this committee is now serving on the A.L.A. Coordinating Committee for the Library Services Act.

Intellectual Freedom — The committee devoted its efforts to the problem of infringements of intellectual freedom in school libraries. Copies of the School Library Bill of Rights were prepared and mailed to all superintendents with a covering letter asking them to consider the Bill of Rights with their boards and stating our position on infringements of the freedom to read. Clippings from papers relating to the action of Bossier, Claiborne, and Orleans Parish School Boards were sent to the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the A.L.A. Comments on our action in this matter appeared in the Newsletter of Intellectual Freedom in the issue of July, 1956.

Legislative — The Legislative committee spent most of its time working on House Bill 73, which would furnish funds for the establishment of a Union Catalog of Louisiana Materials. The committee worked dili-

gently with legislators and made several trips to Baton Rouge for the purpose of talking with members of the Legislature. House Bill 73 is now Act 361!

Louisiana Literary Award — The 1956 award was presented to Dr. George H. Lowery for his book "Louisiana Birds." The presentation was made to Dr. Lowery at the Book Dinner by Mrs. Edith T. Atkinson, chairman of the Louisiana Literary Award Committee.

Membership—The membership increased in 1956 by 53 members. Total membership is 811. Of the 811 there are 727 individual members, 60 institutional members, 18 contributing members, and 6 sustaining members. Our association is making rapid strides in membership with new members being added to all sections.

Modisette Award and Modisette Award Sub-Committee for Trustees—In 1956 three awards were made. The public library award was presented to the Lafourche Parish Library, the Trustee Award to Miss Edith Steckler of St. Martin Parish, and the school award to the Opelousas High School.

Public Relations—Press releases covering Executive Board meetings, the Modisette Awards, and establishment of the Scholarship fund were given to the press by the Chairman of this committee. The convention was covered by the regular press and photographers. The Library School Story was sent to the Public Relations Department of L.S.U. and was used in the Alumni News.

Recruiting—This committee, after many months of concerted effort, finally completed all of the materials needed and announced a Library Recruiting Week, April 23-28, 1956. Parish chairmen were appointed and kits of material were delivered to them at the spring meeting in Alexandria. Each kit contained bookmarks, copies of the revised "BE A LIBRARIAN" pamphlet, several skits for

radio or stage presentation, and suggestions for observing the week. The committee made the recommendation to stress once more that personal recruiting is still the most effective, and that each librarian is consciously, or unconsciously, influencing the decision of some young person by his or her attitude towards the profession.

State Planning — These recommendations were discussed by the committee—A centralized storage space or Inter-Library center should be established, this to be done after the completion of the State Library and L.S.U. buildings; a central archive for historical documents be established and located in Baton Rouge. The report of this committee was accepted but no action was taken.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES: Union Catalog of Louisiana Materials—The committee has succeeded in having enacted into law an appropriation for the setting up of the catalog.

Scholarship—On recommendation of this committee the Louisiana Library Association, in March, voted to establish a self-sustaining scholarship fund to be built up and not to be used until the capital imvestment provides an annual income of \$300. When sufficient income is available, a scholarship of \$300 will be awarded to a qualified student for one year of graduate study in the Louisiana State University Library School.

This committee is now formulating plans for solicitations from individuals, clubs, and industry. At the present time there is \$1,336.09 in the Scholarship fund. At the end of the year 1956 the money will be placed in a building and loan association, where it will draw a larger interest.

May I again express my thanks to the membership for its cooperation and friendship. It has been a rare privilege to serve as your President.

Greasurer's Report, 1956

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1956-			
Optional share account	\$2,101.81		
Sustaining account	652.19		
Pamphlet fund	231.84		
Checking account	1,698.80		
Total balance: January 1, 1956			\$4,684.64
Balance: January 1, 1956: Checking account		\$1,698.80	
Receipts			
Dues	\$1,918.50		
Convention	1,386.38		
Exhibits	1,282.00	\$4,586.88	\$6,285.68
Oustanding checks 1955-56	33.69	\$ 1,700.00	6,319.37
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Expenditures			
Association dues			
A.L.A.	25.00		
Southwestern Lib. Assoc.	74.12		
A.L.A. representatives	200.00		
Bulletin subsidy	1,280.20		
Convention	2,049.42		
General operating expense	183.98		
Transfer to sustaining account	75.00		
Charge back to account	32.00		
Outstanding checks last year	102.51		
Bank exchange and money order	2.46	4,024.69	
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Committees	A24.00		
Commercial exhibits	\$31.27		
Legislative	165.07		
L.L.A. Literary Award	10.00		
Membership	32.01		
Modisette award	48.08		
Modisette award, trustees	17.18		
Nominating	3.88		
Public Relations	13.88		
Recruitment	343.45	702.04	
Union catalog	37.22	702.04	

Sections			
College and Reference	107.63		
Public	115.71		
School	7.96		
Trustees	90.75	322.05	5,048.78
Balance: Nov. 21, 1956: Checking account			\$1,270.59
Balance in checking account—			
General	\$ 398.82		
Sections	871.77	1,270.59	
Sustaining account			
Balance on hand	652.19		
Receipts	169.35		
Dues\$150.00			
Interest 19.35	821.54		
Expenditures			
L.L.A. Scholarship Fund 500.00	500.00	321.54	
Optional share account		2,133.34	
Pamphlet Fund	231.84	231.84	
TOTAL ASSETS: November 21, 1956			\$3,957.31

George Rose Ferguson Treasurer, 1956

Financial Report from the Bulletin

Balance, 30 December 1956	\$ 951.14
RECEIPTS	
Deposits, January 1957 \$52.00 Accounts receivable (1957 advertisers) 717.00 Subscriptions and extra copies 78.00	847.00
	1,798.14
Disbursements	
Franklin Press (Fall, 1956 issue)\$349.99	349.99
Funds for 1957 operations	\$1,428.13
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Executive Board Minutes

BENTLEY HOTEL, ALEXANDRIA, DECEMBER 1, 1956

The Executive Boards of the LLA for 1956 and 1957 met in joint session on Saturday, December 1, 1956, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bentley Hotel, Alexandria. Mrs. Ruth Clark Reedy presided during the first part of the meeting and Mrs. Dorothy Skau during the last part.

The following were present: Mrs. Ruth Clark Reedy, President; Elizabeth Cammack, Past President; Mrs. Dorothy Skau, 1st Vice-President; T. N. McMullan, 2nd Vice-President and 1st Vice-President for 1957; Mary Louise Giraud, Secretary; George Rose Ferguson, Treasurer; Kate Wallach, Parliamentarian; Bob Mowery, Editor, the Bulletin; Marie Mamalakis, Assistant Editor; Lucille Arceneaux, Business Manager, Bulletin. In addition to these, other members of the 1957 Board attending were Mrs. Kathryn Moore, 2nd Vice-President; Inez Boone, Secretary; Mrs. Evelyn Cormier, Treasurer, and Frances Flanders, Parliamentarian.

Bob Mowery gave a report on the LLA Bulletin suggesting that because of the cost, there should be three issues instead of four a year. Lucille Arceneaux gave figures showing the cost of printing. After discussion the editors and business manager were instructed to get bids on four issues of 48 pages each, bids to include delivery to the State Library. It was decided that articles by authors outside the state be accepted for publication, along with those of local writers.

Miss Ferguson gave the financial report as of December 1. The pamphlet fund for Be A Librarian was discussed and it was decided that Mrs. Morton, who supervises the fund, should be authorized to reimburse the Association for the cost of the printing of the pamphlet. Miss Giraud moved and Miss Wallach seconded the motion that the financial report be accepted.

Mrs. Skau, Membership Committee Chairman, reported a membership of 811. The

report was accepted on motion of Mrs. Skau, seconded by Miss Ferguson.

The minutes of the meeting on March 21, 1956, were corrected and approved.

Miss Wallach gave a report on proposed changes in the Manual: That the membership and financial year remain the calendar year, but new officers begin their duties July 1, 1957, instead of January, 1958. Present officers for 1957 would serve only until July 1, 1957.

Miss Cammack moved and Miss Giraud seconded the motion that a member of the Adult Education Committee be the representative to the Louisiana Adult Education Council from the Association.

Miss Wallace moved and Miss Cammack seconded the motion to file the LLA membership list with the Secretary of State.

·Miss Wallach recommended that an attorney be paid to draw up papers on a corporate charter to be filed with the Internal Revenue Department and that he be present or have a representative at the next meeting of LLA when the recommendation is made to the membership. It is necessary for the Association to be registered as a non profit organization for the proper handling of the Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Cormier moved and Mr. McMullen seconded the motion to accept Miss Wallach's report.

Mrs. Reedy reported on the following projects:

Union Catalog—Mr. McMullen reported that Mr. James W. Dyson has been appointed to head the project.

Scholarship Fund—The Fund now totals \$1,336.09.

Indexing of Louisiana Materials — The committee did not function. Mrs. Skau was authorized to appoint another committee.

Mr. McMullen made a motion that the Association withdraw from the Louisiana Organization for State Legislation. Mrs. Skau seconded the motion and instructed the secretary to write Mrs. Holloway for help in drafting the letter of withdrawal. The Board decided it would be right to pay the dues of \$25.00 for 1956.

Mrs. Reedy stated that she thought the Association should send the LLA president to one out-of-state meeting The Board agreed. Miss Giraud moved and Mrs. Cormier seconded the motion that the Association pay first class transportation and hotel for the president to attend one out-of-state meeting such as A.L.A. or S.W.L.A.

Mrs. Reedy thanked the members of the Board and adjourned the meeting, after which Mrs. Skau presided at a short meeting of the new Board. She talked about new committees and asked approval on naming alternate members when the first choice could not serve.

There was a short discussion of Convention plans for 1957. Mrs. Skau suggested the theme "Books, Reading, Services." She also suggested a good speaker such as David Cohn. It was decided that Shreveport would be the proper place for the 1958 convention. Mr. McMullen said he would check for dates.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Inez Boone Secretary

Government Documents in Louisiana Libraries

By

J. E. UHLER, JR.

Government documents, in spite of their imposing name, can be an inoculation against small budgets, crowded quarters, and an overworked staff. But their very name implies visions of a gigantic bureaucracy grinding forth a cornucopia of publications in sizes, shapes and forms more varied than items found in a supermarket.

To gain a picture of how government documents are selected, organized, and used by Louisiana libraries, a brief questionnaire was mailed to 34 librarians in the state. Answers were received from 14 public and 12 college and university libraries. If these organizations can be taken as representative of Louisiana libraries in general, three conclusions may be reached:

 A decidedly small percentage of the book budget is devoted to the purchase of public documents.

2. Most librarians feel that it is extreme-

ly difficult to select and organize government publications because of insufficient personnel and lack of space.

3. There is practically no demand for government publications, probably because the public is not aware of what is available.

The questionnaire was divided into three parts. Regarding selection, librarians were asked "Do you select only Federal Government documents, or do you also buy your own state documents and those of other states? What proportions of each do you select, if more than one? Upon what policy do you base your selection of government documents, and, broadly speaking, what are the materials you choose? Approximately what percentage of your budget for books and other materials is spent on government documents?"

The questions on organization were "Do you catalog your government documents

along with the rest of your collection, or do you handle them on a separate basis? If catalogued, are they shelved with the rest of the collection? Are your stacks open or closed? What is your greatest problem in the organization of government documents?"

And finally, regarding use, the questions were "To what groups or types of persons does your government documents collection most appeal? Approximately what percentage of your total circulation is made up of government documents? Do you circulate all, or part of, your government documents outside the library? Do you use government documents in any way for public relations purposes and if so, how?"

A final question was added: "Have you any recommendations for the selection, organization and use of government documents?"

Apparently, Louisiana's public librarians spend only between one and five per cent of their book budget on government publications, with the result that such material makes up only a little more than one per cent of their total circulation. As for college and university libraries, most of them are depositories, and thus spend practically nothing for government publications. The use of these documents by their patrons was estimated from "less than one per cent" to as high as "ten per cent" but probably would average no more than two per cent of the total circulation.

One librarian stated "We have no calls for state or federal documents."

To the question "Approximately what percentage of your budget for books and other material is spent on government documents?" public librarians replied with a variety of answers. "None." "Probably less than one per cent." "2%." "Buy only occasionally—very few." "We spend no money or very little on government documents." "Not more than \$15 per year."

The answers indicate that very little is spent for government documents. However, in actuality, it is not necessary to spend a large percentage of one's budget in order to take substantial advantage of this type of publication. Consider the very useful Agri-

culture handbooks, circulars and bulletins, for example. A glance at the *Monthly Catalog* will indicate that most prices vary from 15 to 60 cents. Among the topics of these pamphlets are poultry grading, preventing storm wind damage to farm buildings, irrigation, water tests, preservative treatment of fence posts and farm timbers, insect control, produce storage, classification of cotton, drainage, and improving truck delivery operations of wholesale grocers. In many cases, such information is unavailable elsewhere, yet is invaluable to patrons in a local area.

Public librarians were asked "Approximately what percentage of your total circulation is made up of government documents?" Some replied "Have no way of telling." "No figures kept." "1%." "Do not circulate any." "We count them in with magazines." "Too small to estimate."

As stated, the circulation of government publications in college and university libraries ranged from less than one per cent to as high as ten per cent. Actually, these figures are not representative of the use of documents in colleges and universities in Louisiana, nor do they indicate the value placed upon such publications by academic librarians. Most colleges and universities restrict the circulation to inside use, or do not count documents circulation separately. In addition, documents are used abundantly for reference and research purposes.

Circulation of government publications in public libraries would jump appreciably if the public were educated to their advantages. Louisiana librarians are aware of this and some make attractive displays of their documents, publicize them through occasional newspaper feature articles, occasional newspaper lists, and through contact with individuals, companies and organizations upon receipt of pertinent materials. This, however, does not appear to be the general rule since smaller public libraries do not have enough documentary material to merit the effort.

The policies of selection, in cases where libraries are not depositories, are evidently based upon what would be considered valuable for local use. Public libraries, for the most part, choose such items as census statistics, directories, conservation material, information on labor, safety, and agriculture.

One public librarian stated "I select only the documents that I think could be used by the patrons of this library." Another replied "We are a partial depository and our main job is not selecting more documents but discontinuing those which are not used." Demand and use seem logically to guide selection policy in cases where government documents are a material part of the collection.

Louisiana librarians are apparently aware of the usefulness of government publications, but have stated that the material is too difficult to handle with a limited staff, and they are continually confronted with the question of organization and housing.

For the very small and the very large library, government documents should offer no problem. The small library will not be involved with documents to such an extent that they must be considered a separate entity. And large libraries can afford the staff to care for them in quantity.

Larger public libraries in the state apparently catalog their government publications along with the rest of their collection, while smaller ones add the material to their vertical file and catalog only a limited number of items. Librarians were asked in the survey "What is your greatest problem in the organization of government documents?" They replied, in part, "Classifying them so they will be readily available." "Time for organizing and for up-keep of file." "No time for study of best placement and use." "Space and arrangement of loose material." "There is no one on this staff who can devote much time to them."

One librarian proudly replied "We have no problems." After outlining her plans, which, incidently, included a liberal use of government documents on a very limited budget, she said, "So you can see that this collection is going to be something to make you drop your teeth by this time next year!"

The state's colleges and universities are confronted, generally, with the same problems as public libraries. They pointed out that their main troubles involved "Classifying and recording each item and lack of space," the "varied format" of government publications, "integrating documents with the regular collection," "Storage space," or "Personnel and time to process them."

The state's academic institutions apparently depend on two primary methods for handling documents; they are either cataloged and housed with the rest of the collection, or the Superintendent of Documents classification number is used and they are housed separately, with the various indexes utilized for location. In some instances, the collections are organized on both plans.

Public libraries seem far more inclined to circulate their government publications than college and university libraries, which generally restrict the use to within the building. Typical of the public librarian's attitude was the statement "We circulate any material in our library that would be of use to the patron." However, since the colleges use their documents collection primarily for research and reference, they generally hold outside circulation to graduate students and faculty.

The final question was "Have you any recommendations for the selection, organization and use of government documents?" Most of the answers were simply "No," probably because many of the problems are unique to the individual library.

One college librarian said "My feeling is that government publications should be selected and organized on the same basis as other library materials. This, I believe, is especially true of the small college libraries. For the larger libraries, who selected most of the government publications, for example depository libraries, I would suggest using the Documents office classification and a separate collection for documents. I would also rely on the printed indexes for locating the materials instead of the card catalog."

Another college librarian replied "Documents should be cataloged and entered in the public catalog for fullest use. An interesting display of government documents will encourage their use."

A third emphatically stated "Do not be

afraid of documents. They answer many questions not to be found elsewhere. Small libraries should not try to be complete. Should discard freely."

Another stated "The use of Government Documents should be encouraged through exhibits, news reports, reading lists, etc., but an increased personnel staff should be appointed to handle them more efficiently."

Public librarians had somewhat similar suggestions. One said "Many more could be incorporated in the collection than most public librarians take advantage of." Another replied "They are practically useless unless a library has the staff large enough to permit one person to devote much time to them. Therefore we get very few documents."

"Documents should be brought to the attention of the public more," according to another public librarian. "They should be readily accessible to the patrons through open stacks and publicized with attractive displays. A shelf of small pamphlets should circulate even if only in the library."

One librarian suggested ". . . as for cataloging, it seems that most use could be made by a general addition to the catalog of monographs. As you know, the cataloging system [in a small public library] is simple, so this should not be a tremendous task."

I asked one public librarian what she thought of selling government documents. She wrote "The idea of selling them has not entered my plans, so far, but it might not be a bad idea. Others find it good, anyway. I shall try a varied addition first, however, to test the appeal."

The question of integration of government documents with the main collection, or separate housing and cataloging, is similar to Hamlet's "To be or not to be. . . ." The answer can be found only within the structure of each individual library. The

New Orleans Public Library, for example, solved their problem with a system of classification for Louisiana documents in which Librarian John Hall Jacobs has expressed pride. Referring to Mrs. Ellen Tilger, documents librarian who developed their classification scheme in connection with the Louisiana documents, Mr. Jacobs wrote ". . . she made an intensive study of the governmental agencies, departments and changes through the years of Louisiana history and we feel that her scheme serves very admirably in grouping related materials and making them available with a minimum amount of time and effort in assigning numbers and keeping records. I am very proud of her work in developing and perfecting the system and I wanted to call your particular attention to it."

Josephine A. Hope, in the March, 1956, issue of the Wilson Library Bulletin, used as the title of an article, "Government Publications—Will They Bite?" I do not think they will. Small budgets can be overcome because the great majority of government publications are priced in the pennies, yet they contain information valued in dollars if produced by commercial houses. Their varied format can be an advantage instead of a disadvantage, in many cases, if for no other reason than their simplicity. And wise budgeting of time and effort will make room for a surprisingly large number of documents that are presently not used.

Many libraries are already aware of this. The Brookline Public Library, for example, put 584 government documents in the vertical file, alone.¹ The Illinois State Library uses the Dewey Classification scheme for government documents and completes much of its reference work from these publications.² Jerome K. Wilcox, in an April, 1955, article in *Library Trends*, recognizes the expense of acquiring and processing government publications and suggests cooperative effort on the part of two or more

¹ Hope, Josephine A. "Government Publications-Will They Bite?" Wilson Library Bulletin, Vol. 30, No. 7, March, 1956.

² Bailey, Dorothy. "Service to You Through the Illinois Documents Unit." *Illinois Libraries*, Vol. 37, No. 2, February, 1955.

libraries in an area, using the Midwest Inter-Library Center in Chicago as an example.³

In spite of the problems they create, government documents exist, are valuable, and librarians who use them find them advantageous. Esther J. Piercy, Chief of Processing at the Enoch Pratt Free Library, stated, "Government documents are definitely not a chore at Pratt, nor are they a luxury or an appendage. They are a part of the very life-blood of our entire service, and we love them dearly." They, incidently, acquire about 1,000 pieces per week, and this is handled by one professional librarian and one clerk-typist.

Using government documents, it seems, is

like trying to make dice fall on "Ada from Decatur" the hard way. The "hard way" would probably be simplified if government documents were known by any other name. It is too imposing. If they were regarded with the same consideration as the publications of commercial houses, they would take on a new light, and could actually be the inoculation which would expand small budgets, be the answer to crowded quarters, and relieve much of the burden of overworked staffs.

In such a case, Amalthaea's horn of plenty would truly bring forth abundance, both for the librarian and the library's patron.

Mission and Functions of the Waterways Experiment Station

Presented by

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The Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, has responsibilities both in peace and in war that influence profoundly the growth and security of the nation. Its civil functions involve the development and improvement of our rivers and harbors—traditionally, for flood control and navigation; more recently, for the incidental development of hydroelectric power and the conservation of water for municipal, agricultural and industrial purposes. Militarily, it is the construction agency of the Army and the Air Force, both in this country and overseas—a dynamic blending of construction and combat power.

The Waterways Experiment Station is a

laboratory installation of the Corps of Engineers. Through basic and applied research, the development of methods and techniques, and the testing of materials and equipment, it assists the parent organization in accomplishment of civil and military construction programs of ever-widening scope and complexity.

The engineer who will build the dams, levees, locks, airfields, etc., must know in advance that they will be properly designed to accomplish the intended purposes; that they will not settle unevenly nor too much; that the earth portions will stay in place; that

Wilcox, Jerome K. "The Acquisition of Government Publications." Library Trends, Vol. 3, No. 4, April, 1955.

⁴ Piercy, Esther J. "Government Documents in the Enoch Pratt Free Library." Serial Slants, Vol. 7, No. 1, January, 1956.

for years to come they will withstand the weather and the forces acting upon them. To help meet these challenging requirements the Waterways Experiment Station specializes in four major engineering fields: hydraulics (the science of water in motion), soil mechanics (engineering properties of soils, particularly in foundations and em-

bankments), flexible (bituminous, or blacktop), pavements for military airfields, and concrete research (study of the best materials and methods for making concrete). In addition, major research and development projects for the Armed Forces are a substantial part of the work budget throughout the organization.

The Research Center Library An Over-all Discussion

By

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Head, Research Center Library

Mrs. Sigler, Mrs. Thomas, and Miss Spivey will give details of the various procedures and techniques employed in the Research Center Library in their talks. Therefore, I shall only point out certain general and statistical facts for your information.

Ours is a special engineering library serving all Corps of Engineers offices in the subject matter fields peculiar to the Waterways Experiment Station: soil mechanics, hydraulics, concrete, flexible pavements, and certain related fields. Our accessioned collection numbers some 38,000 items. The material includes photostats, separates, manuscripts, as well as some 4,800 orthodox books.

For operating purposes the library is divided into three units: the Catalog Unit, the Circulation Unit, and the Reference Unit.

Our card catalog is based on a modified Library of Congress classification system and a subject heading list developed locally. We are presently using some 1,400 subject headings, subdivisions and cross references. We have more than 146,000 reference cards in the catalog (hundreds carry brief abstracts). We add approximately 2,000 cards and catalog some 400 items each month.

Most of our business is conducted by telephone, messenger, and letter service. You will notice very little reading room space when you visit the library. However, not counting Research Center personnel, we have some 2,400 visits from other engineers

and guests of the State annually. In addition to our specific requests for service we attempt to call to the attention of engineer specialists at the Waterways Experiment Station new material in their fields of interest.

We do a tremendous amount of reference and bibliographical work at the Research Center Library. Statistics prove little here. Some of our searches take weeks; others only a few minutes. Likewise with respect to bibliographies.

Circulation statistics in a special library reflect reference service to a great extent, as you all know. Our circulation in Fiscal Year 1956 was the highest on record. During that fiscal year we circulated more items than during the combined years of 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, and 1946. Thus far in Fiscal Year 1957 (July through November) circulation is higher than during any complete fiscal year prior to 1950.

We, in 1956, provided services (reference, bibliog aphic, and/or circulation) to 52 different of ices. Presently, material is on loan to 41 different offices. The number of times an individual office has made use of our services is not reflected. We have also assisted one or more times 150 other government agencies, companies, universities, and individuals throughout the country. Material was on loan during the calendar year in 41 states, District of Columbia, Alaska, and in 6 foreign countries.

Reference and Bibliographical Gechniques Employed at the Research Center Library

By

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This particular phase of our library work about which I am going to tell you is that of the reference unit—that unit whose duty it is to find (I believe the word used in the inner circle is "to retrieve") information and assemble it in a logical manner. But all three units of the library work together very closely, which is a distinct advantage to all of us.

Our approach to a reference question moves along these lines. First, we ferret out as much information as possible from the person making the request. The amount of information we get varies with the individual. Some furnish surprisingly little. But if you have a tight grip on your self control you will still be able to smile pleasantly while helping a person who knows not the author, or the title, or the source, but is able to tell you that it was written "sometime since 1940" or that it is on "the concentration factor."

Next we use the card catalog. From there we go to the standard indexes—our library subscribes to both Engineering Index and Industrial Arts Index — and to bibliographies. We have found, too, that as soon as we have one good reference on our subject, chances are that it will have a bibliography that will lead us on to other books and still other bibliographies, a profitable chain reaction with which all reference librarians are familiar.

When we prepare a bibliography, we usually present it in one of two ways. First, we use the traditional method of listing entries on a sheet. We give complete bibliographic information, use as consistent a form as possible, and arrange it in a certain order, usu-

ally alphabetically by author. For an example of one sheet of a bibliography on breakwaters, see Fig. 1. This type bibliography is usually prepared on card, or P-slips, before it is given to the typist. This makes it possible for us to preserve our arrangement easily.

A second method of presenting bibliographies is made possible by our having a photocopying machine here on the Station. If a person wants to know the library holdings on a certain subject, for example on shaft spillways, we can pull our catalog cards on this subject, shingle them on pieces of paper with doublefaced Scotch tape, and take pictures of them on the photocopying machine. A sample of one sheet is given in Fig. 2. Its over-all appearance is not as neat as a typed bibliography, but it is a great time saver and eliminates an enormous amount of proofing.

In the Research Center Library we issue a two-page Recent Acquisitions List at frequent intervals (about three or four times a month). This is a selected, annotated list. The reference librarian writes these abstracts. The list is circulated to personnel here at the Waterways Experiment Station and to other Corps of Engineers offices. A sample is shown in Fig. 3.

An example of a lengthy bibliography compiled in the library is that of all translations made here at the Station. It is a numerical listing by translation number, and includes in the bibliographic data the foreign title and the original source. Since our present list has been printed and bound, other translations have been made. Rather than issue a supplement to this original list, we are now in the process of putting the

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FIG. I

Spillways, Shaft

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Rarnes. George Eric

A report on hydraulic model studies for the outlet works and spillway of the Keystone Dam, on the North Platte River, near Ogallala, Nebraska, to the Central Mebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, Hastings, Nebraska. Cleveland, Ohio, 1936. 49p. illus.

Spillways, Shaft

TC555 B69

Bradley, Joseph Newell Prototype behavior of morning-glory shaft spillways, by J.N. Bradley, Bureau of Reclamation, Design and Construction Division.

illus.

Spillways, Shaft

TC174 N4

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Flow regimes of a drop-inlet spillway.

1956. 4p. 111us.

From Agricultural Engineering, v.37. no.3, p.177-179,181, March 1956.

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Factors governing selection of a shaft

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Consolidated report on morning-glory spillways, South Holston and Watauga projects. Knoxville, 1952.

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FIG. 2

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RESEARCE CENTER LIBRARY

WATERWAYS EXPERIMENT STATION VICKEBURG, MISS.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS AVAILABLE FOR LOAN TO CORPS OF ENGINEERS OFFICES

Appel, D.W. An Experimental Study of the Cavitation of Submerged Jets. State University of Iows Institute of Extraulic New Search, June 30, 1956.

Progress report (October 1955 to June 1956) for Office of Neval Research on study indirated with Object of defining primary come of colapses of vapor-filled cavities in submarged jet of water. Although photographs had already indicated that macroscopic cavitates began to appear a short distance from mostale, preciteally no information was available on how far dewastrees these cavities presisted. In this study disappearance of cavities was investigated by localized sound messurements and by photography. Cavitation tank and instruments are described in detail and results

Bjerrus, L., and Eide, O. Stability of Strutted Excavations in Clay. In Norvegian Geotechnical Institute, Publication No.19, 1956.

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Ther describes a procedure for estimating danger of base failure in serviced excevations in clay. Teragni and Technoloser rioff have previously given formulas for such calculations, but these are limited to shallow excevations. On basis of the familiar bearing capacity calculations for such calculations but procedute to problem is developed, in which critical depth of an excavation is given by use of formula developed for this purpose. Reliability of this formula is influented by comparisons with Tourteen excavation. In seven complete fallure occurred, safety factor averaging 0.96. In four partial fallure was obtained, safety factor averaging 0.11. Three were successful, safety factor averaging 1.11. Three were successful, safety factor averaging 1.10 vertigations indicate that danger of failure would be serious. Investigations indicate that danger of failure may be estimated with aufficient course, for most prectical purposes.

California, State Water Pollution Control Board. An Investigation of the Efficacy of Submarine Outfall Disposal of Sewage and Sludge. Publication No.14, 1956.

Scope of investigation includes (1) accumilation of available materiure and summary of partitions data — including unpublished material — with reference to character of receiving vater, beais of design, and results of operations, and (2) analysis and evaluation of these data. Physical and operational characteristics of over lide of dispersion, occanographic factors such as effect of currents and waves, construction, and operation and maintenance are discussed, were, construction, and operation and maintenance are discussed.

Proceedings of the First Western Conference on Asphalt in Edwamlics, October 19, 20, 1955. University of Utah, Engineering Experiment Beation, Bulletin No.78, June 1996.

Partial contents: Role of Asphalt in Rydraulic Works, by B.A. Vallergs. A Review of Asphalt Construction in Rydrulics in the Western United States, by L.M. Elaptrama. A Review of Asphalt Construction in Rydraulics in Burops, by W.F. Van Asbeck. Principles in Design of Asphalt Rydraulic Structures, by J.M. Lacksy. Laboratory Eunites of Asphaltic Rydraulic Structures, by J.M. Lacksy. J.R. Benson. Canal Linings, by L.M. Kristof. Design and Vork on Asphaltic Type Canal Linings, by L.M. Kristof. Design and Construction Methods, by C.M. Rader. Linings for Trigation Canals and Reservoirs, by C.W. Isuritzen. Experimental Studies with Canal Linings for Controlling Segrage Losses, by C.C. Warnick. Reservoirs and Asphaltic Impervious Membranes in Filtered Water Reservoirs, by D.A. Ecott. Been Squaliting Reservoir; North Ogden, Utah, by D.A. Ecott. Use of Asphaltic Concrete in Washes and Channels, by G.W. Bittene. Asphalt in River and Harbort Spencer.

Straub, L.G., and Bowers, C.E. The St. Anthony Falls Multi-purpose Test Channel. University of Minnesota, St. Anthony Falls Hydraulic Laboratory, Technical Paper No.17, Series B, July 1956.

Associatory, recental rapes no.17, series b. July 1990.

Raper prepared for presentation at the American Towing Tank Conference, Washington, D.C., September 12 to 14, 1956, gives description and general character of main features of St. Anthony Falls indoratory, the multi-purpose test channel which has an over-all langth of about 300 ft., width of 9 ft., and depth of 6 ft. Since the completion in 1998 the channel has been used for diverse flow-trough tests of spillienys for dems, full-scale culverts, river bank reverbests, sediment samples, current meter equipment, and other test purposes such as a philosophy for dems, full-scale culverts, river bank reverbants, and above the such as highly of interesting system. The eventual development will senable it to serve as a flow-through channel, a wave basis, a towing tank, or simultaneously as any combination of the

U.S. Corps of Engineers, Seattle District. Anacortes Earbor, Washington, Small Bott Seals and Breskwater Protection; General Design Memorandum. Arril 1996.

Memorandum sums up previous surveys and studies, describes existing improvement, which is a channel in Capante Waterway 12 ft. deep at mean lower low water, 150 ft. wide at outer end and 250 ft. wide at inner end, dredged in 1930, and gives project modification which provides for dredging a mooring beain adjuent to north side of Capante Waterway, protected by two breakwaters. Includes discussion of subsurface investigations, design wave, breakwater height than seel-ction of type breakmater (treated wood pile rether than seel- sheet pile or rubble mound).

whole bibliography on addressograph plates, incorporating the new listings. Other new ones in the future can be added with little effort. Then as we need a list of translations, one can be run off on the machine and it will be completely up-to-date.

A sample of a bibliography which has already been set up on addressograph plates is shown in Fig. 4. This is one sheet of our library holdings on microfilm. As you have already been told, we have about 160 microfilm, including some theses and some rare publications which we were unable to get in any other form. This is an alphabetical listing by author. As each additional microfilm is added, it may be inserted by being

put on a plate. You will note that the number of spaces between each entry varies because an addressograph plate is set up to take nine lines. If the entry requires only a few lines (as the second item does), then there will be some blank lines before the next entry. This inexorable characteristic of an addressograph plate is something to which I have become accustomed. I feel that the advantages of using it outweigh the disadvantages.

Fig. 5 shows samples of individual addressograph plates. The top one is the plate in its frame, ready to be run. It is filed in a special drawer made for these frames, its filing label at the top. It is, of course, back-

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Another bibliography set up on addressograph plates is one of our longest, and one to which we are still adding as publications are received. This is our Definite Project Reports List, or a listing of all available reports on projects undertaken by the Corps of Engineers. For instance, before Texarkana Dam was built, a report on its design was submitted. This report is included on this list, with hundreds of others of similar nature. This list is divided into five sections by subject. The plates for this bibliography are filed alphabetcially by the name of the

LOCAL FLOOD PROTECTION

ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT

Rio Grande Floodway, Albuquerque Unit:
Design Memo No.1, Detailed Design Memo
on Initial Contract. Mar 1953.
Design Memo No.2, Detailed Design Memo
on Phase II. June 1954.
Design Memo No.3, Detailed Design Memo
on Phase II. Nov 1954.
Design Memo No.4, Detailed Design Memo
on Phase III. July 1955.

BALTIMORE DISTRICT

Corning, New York, Monkey Run Improvement. Southern New York Flood-control Project:

Design Memo No.1. General Design. Jan 1953. with revisions dated 24 Jan 1953. I July 1953. and 1 Sept 1953. Includes 6 app.

Design Memo No.2. Concrete-aggregate Investigation. Mar 1953. with revisions dated 20 Apr 1953.

Design Memo No.3. Monkey Run Conduit. Feb 1953. with revisions dated 10

June 1953. Includes 2 app.

BALTIMORE DISTRICT Swoyersville and Forty Fort Flood-con-

trol Project, Pennsylvania, Susquehanna River Basin: Design Memo No.1, Levee Unit No.1, Feb 1953, with revisions dated 15 June 1953, Includes 4 app. Design Memo No.2, Levee Unit No.2, July 1953, with revisions dated Feb 1954 and Apr 1954. Includes 4 app. Design Memo No.3. Levee Unit No.3. Sept 1954. Includes 4 app. Design Memo No.4. Levee Unit No.4. May 1955. Includes 4 app;

BALTIHORE DISTRICT

Williamsport, Pennsylvania, Flood-control Project. Susquehanna River Basin: Design Nemo No.1. Section II. General Design. Feb 1953, with revisions dated 13 May 1953. Includes 2 app. Design Wemo No.2. Section II. Concrete-aggregate Investigation. Apr 1953. Dasign Memo No.3. Section II. Levee Unit No.4B. June 1953. Includes 3 app. Design Memo No.4, Section II, Mill Race and Spring Run (Levee Unit No.4) Pumping Stations. Dec 1953, with revisions dated Jan 1954, Mar 1954. and June 1954. Includes 5 app. Design Memo No.5. Section II. Levee Unit No.4C. Feb 1954. with revisions dated Feb 1954 and May 1954. Includes 2 app. Design Memo No.6, Sections I and II. Seepage-control System on Lyconing Creek (Levee Units No.1 and No.4). Jan 1955.

BUFFALO DISTRICT

Batavia and Vicinity, Tonawanda Creek, New York; Design Memo on Local Flood Protection, 24 Nov 1953, Includes 1 app.

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FIG. 6

district using the report, but these plates are tabbed according to the section in which they belong so that when they are run on the machine they can be made to fall automatically in the proper section. Fig. 6 shows one sheet of this bibliography, the first page of the section on local flood protection.

You can see that we use machines to a large extent in our bibliographical work. We find that they furnish shortcuts, and that is what we are all seeking. However, there is one concession I am not ready to make: I do not think a machine will ever replace the reference librarian.

Circulation Activities and Methods In the Research Center Library

By

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Our charging system is different from that of many other libraries in that we do not use book cards and pockets in each individual book. By experimenting we have found that the following system works best for us. When charging a book to an individual here at the Waterways Experiment Station, we make an original and duplicate charge card. (Fig. 1). The person requesting the book is asked to sign the original. The original card is filed numerically by call number duplicate by number and This the individual's name. charge is necessary here because it tells us at a glance which books and how many each individual has, and often we are asked for this information. We do not have a definite loan period for WES personnel nor do we limit the number taken, so some of the engineers have as many as a hundred titles at one time and keep them indefinitely. A book may be charged very quickly if a person is waiting because we use abbreviated form of author and title. This can be written in long hand, and the duplicate can be typed later by the library typist.

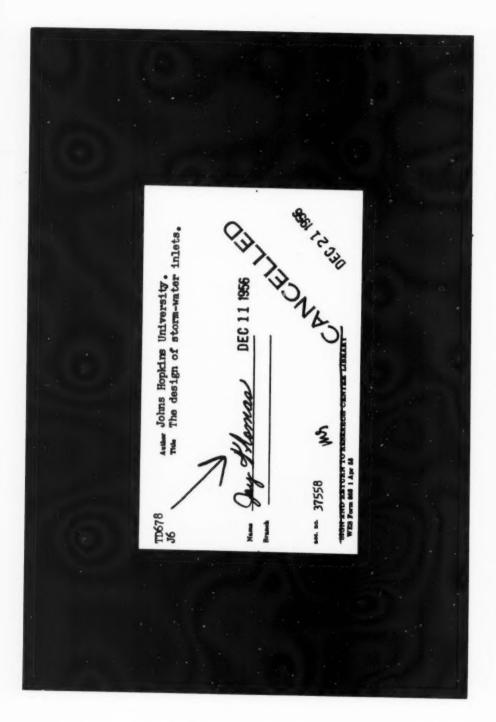
When a book is returned, the duplicate is destroyed and the original card is can-

celled, dated and returned to the borrower, as his receipt. (Fig. 2). Some save them, if they happen to be the type person who saves things, and therefore have a bibliography file of everything they have ever used from the library.

Charging to Corps of Engineers offices or other agencies, and individuals away from WES, original, duplicate and triplicate charge cards are made. (Fig. 3). The triplicate, which is a blue card, is filed by date so that each month a check can be made on 30-day loans. We do not set a time limit on loans to Corps of Engineers offices since our purpose in existing is to serve them, but to other agencies, to universities, to companies and to individuals a limit is set—the usual 30-day interlibrary loan period, with renewal privileges. If a publication has other requests this is indicated by a blue signal tab on the original card.

A sample of a reserve card with other requests is shown in Fig. 4. As a request is filled, the card is marked through and returned to the reserve file. In addition to the blue signal (indicating reserves), we have others. A red signal means interlibrary loan; a green one means "called in." We have

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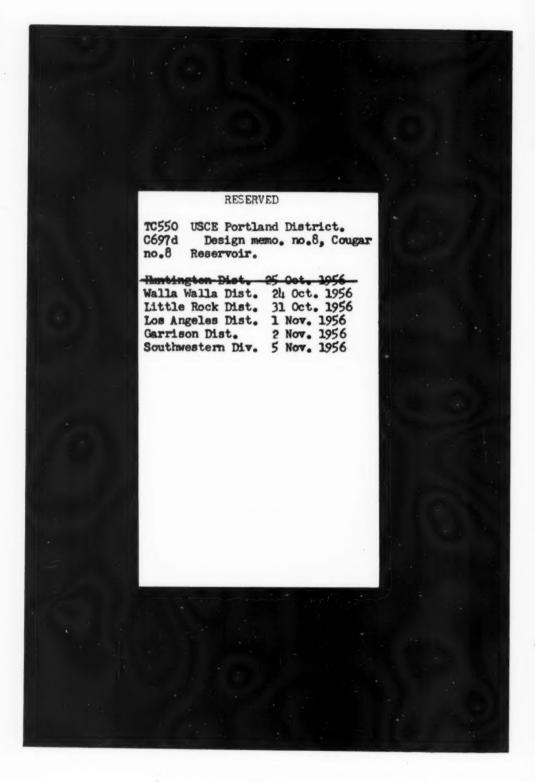


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still another color, a yellow signal, which means a publication is circulating to an individual here at WES because it is in his field of interest. He did not request it; we are calling it to his attention and he is supposed to return it to the library within a short time. If he wants it for further study, he signs for it.

Here in the Research Center Library we have a system of form letters (a saving on typing) which we use for transmitting publications by mail, interlibrary loans, calling in publications for reserves, and requests for free material. You may see samples of all these when we visit the library.

Once a year we take an inventory of all books that are charged here at WES. This is helpful because when some people keep books indefinitely, they are inclined to forget that they have the books charged at all. An inventory list of an individual's charges can be made rather simply by taking the duplicate charge cards from behind his name card, shingling them on a piece of paper,

and taking a picture on the photocopy machine. (Fig. 5). We send this photocopy to the individual, enabling him to see at a glance which books are charged to him. It does not mean that he has to return the publications to the library. He has only to indicate that the books are in his possession and that he would like to have them renewed.

Magazine circulation is handled in a different way. We circulate new magazines immediately to those who have indicated an interest in each particular magazine. Here is a sample of a magazine routing slip. (Fig. 6). Lists are prepared in advance, but not too far in advance as we have found that frequently changes are necessary. These names are set up on small addressograph plates and are run off on the addressograph machine. This process takes only a few minutes. There are approximately 130 magazines sent on circulation each month. Daily circulation varies a good bit, but there are approximately 2,800 items on loan at all times.

Processing Procedures in the Research Center Library

By

ESTELLE SIGLER

Cataloger, Research Center Library

The best way to explain the Research Center Library's method of processing and cataloging new material is to start with the moment a new publication is received in the library. After it is checked in at the order file, it is given to the head librarian for routing through the different units. All our new material is not an order (much of it is received free), but all the material starts its processing in the same way. A routing slip

is attached to each publication. (Fig. 1). This process slip accompanies a book through the catalog unit, having checked on it all the information and instructions necessary for cataloging fully. The slip is then initialed by the individual performing these routines indicating that these particular steps have been taken. After mechanical preparation, the publication comes to the catalog department for cataloging. There are two

persons cataloging in the Research Center Library; however, one is only part time in this department.

We use the Library of Congress classification system and a simplified version of Cutter's table. Fig. 2 is the simplified version we use. Our subject heading list was compiled for use in our special fields. We especially had to work on sub-divisions for soil mechanics, concrete and hydraulics.

In addition to our original use of typewritten catalog cards, we have over the last few years employed several methods of card reproduction, such as Duo-photo, Photostat and Photocopy. Our most recent means of reproducing catalog cards is by an Addressograph machine. We do not have an electric typewriter keyboard Graphotype machine for embossing plates here at the Waterways Experiment Station; therefore, the drafts are sent to Addressograph Corporation in Jackson, Miss. The draft card is typed by the cataloger, set up in the exact form, with exact spacing as it will appear on the catalog card. The cards on which this draft is typed have been cut to the exact size that an addressograph plate will take-this is to make it easier for us. Fig. 3 is a sample of how our draft fits on addressograph plates; the example on the right shows the plates inserted in the frames. An instruction sheet accompanies each group of draft cards that goes to the Addressograph Corporation. (Fig. 4).

Addressograph plates for catalog cards are run off on a manually operated Addressograph proof machine by one of the library assistants. (We have one of these machines in the library.) By the number of tracings on the back of the draft the assistant knows how many catalog cards to print for each set. Fig. 5 is sample of the main entry, tracing, and shelf list. In this particular case we have only one tracing; however, in most cases we have at least three or more. Besides added entries for subjects and joint authors, we also try to anticipate other ways in which the book would be requested and include added entries for translators, con-

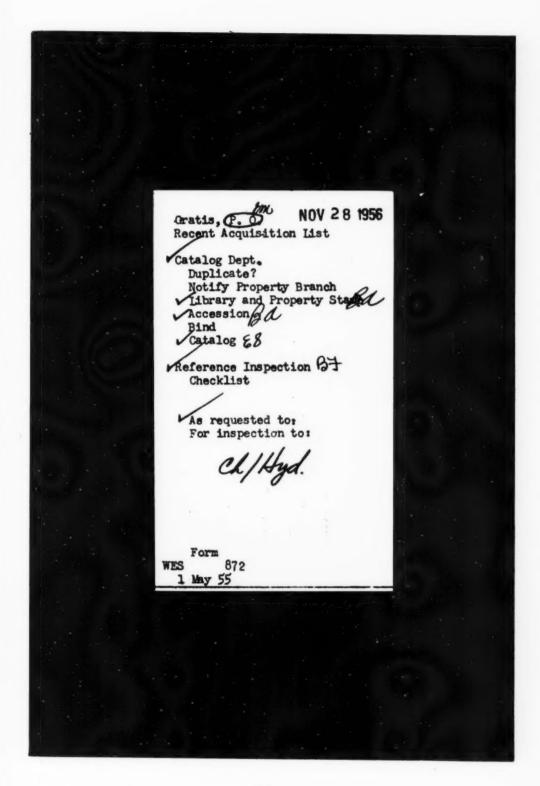
tractors, and cooperating government agencies. We run the first plate only for shelf list purposes.

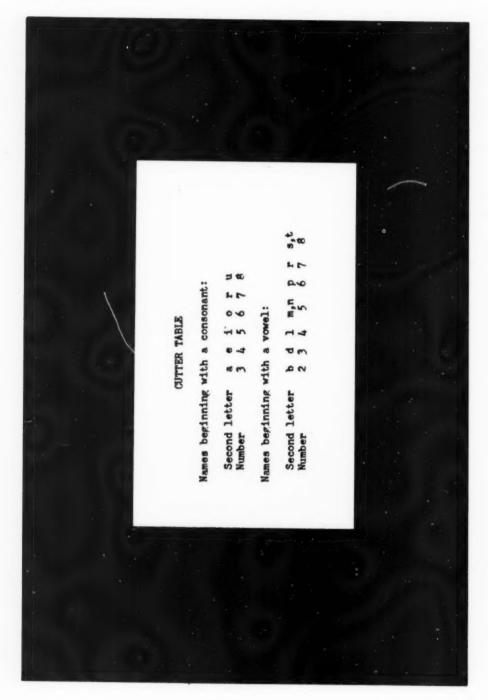
Fig. 6 is an example of a micro-card catalog card. We have recently acquired a microcard reader and are now building up a collection of microcards. Most of our holdings are furnished us free by Armed Services Technical Information Agency. (This is an agency that provides a central service within the Department of Defense to gather, process, and disseminate scientific and technical information to the Air Force, Army, and Navy.) ASTIA also furnishes printed catalog cards, which we use for our catalog, and on which we assign subject headings to conform to our subject heading list.

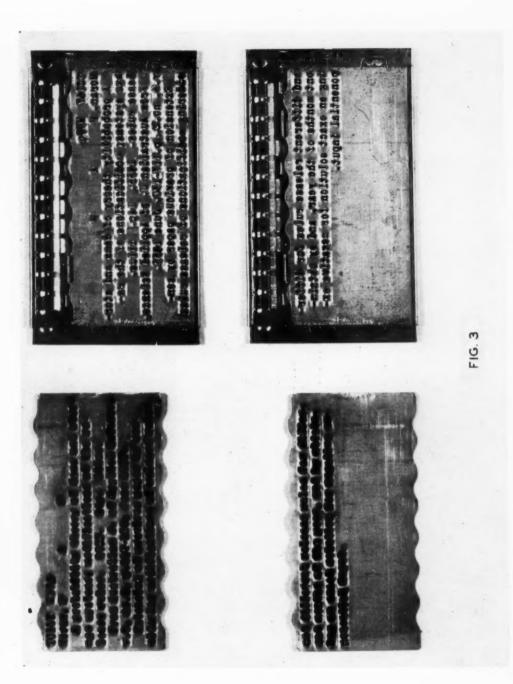
We subscribe to the sections of Engineering Index cards which cover our fields of work. These cards are first circulated to personnel on the Station and then filed in the card catalog. As shown in this sample (Fig. 7), we underline the name of the periodical and assign subject headings to conform with ours. Magazine analytics not covered by Engineering Index cards are set up in regular catalog form, with the exception that no call number is indicated. (Fig. 8).

At the present time we have 160 items available on microfilm. A large number of these are theses. Fig. 9 is sample of a microfilm catalog card. Microfilm are cataloged in the same manner as books, with the exception that they are assigned numbers in the numerical order in which they come into our possession rather than an LC classification number. A portable microfilm reader is available in the library.

All catalogers are concerned with the length of time it takes for entries to reach the catalog. Even though we must depend on having our metal plates cut in Jackson and mail service, we are able to get finished catalog cards into the catalog within a short time. Publications received in the library, however, are not delayed at all but go forward to the interested individuals within an hour or two.







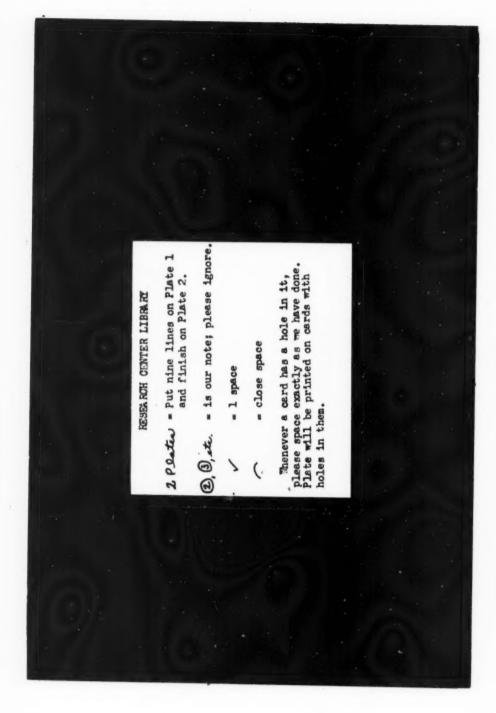


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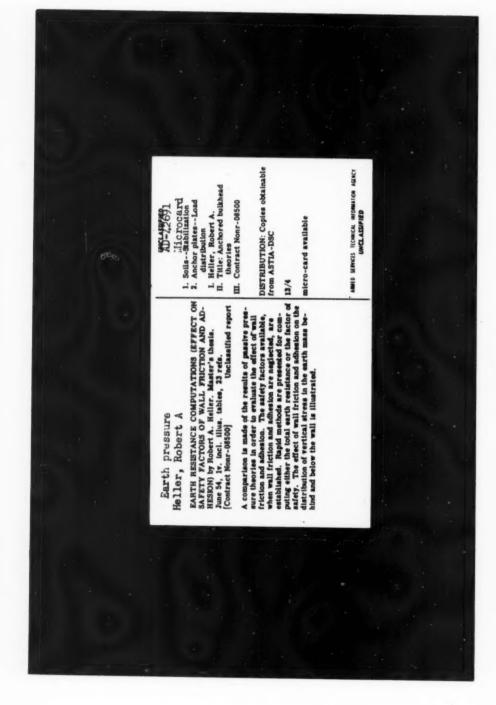
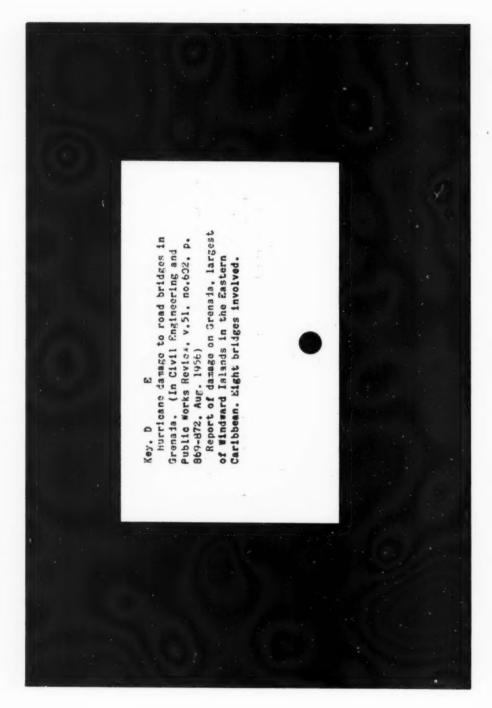
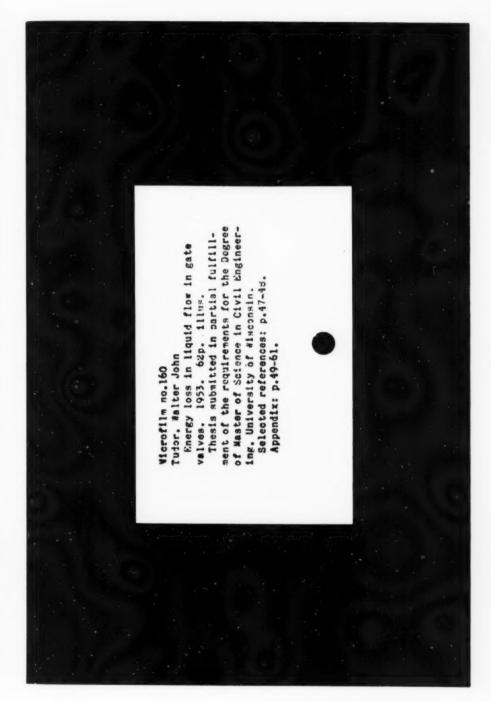


FIG. 7







News From the State Library

KATHERINE B. JAMES

That Dr. Ralph R. Shaw, president of the American Library Association, was a consultant for the Work Simplification Conference held at Louisiana State University February 11th through the 15th was proudly announced by Miss Essae M. Culver, State Librarian, and Mrs. Florrinell F. Morton, Director of the L.S.U. Library School, whose organizations co-sponsored the conference.

Dr. Shaw is eminently fitted as a consultant for this particular workshop judging by his many outstanding contributions to the field of work simplification for libraries.

They also announced that Miss Helen Geer of the Library Mart, Fairhope, Alabama, assembled a large exhibit of library materials—equipment and supplies—for the operation and promotion of libraries. There was a demonstration of some items and others were there for librarians to examine individually.

For the workshop, the six work teams met and filed preliminary reports.

One of the extras on the conference program was an evening panel on "How to Buy a Book," featuring librarians and bookmen.

That the Louisiana Adult Education Council will hold its annual conference on April 1st and 2nd in Pleasant Hall on the Louisiana State University campus in Baton Rouge, is announced by Miss Vivian Cazayoux of the Louisiana State Library staff, who is president of the Council.

Keynote speaker for the conference will be Mrs. Mary Evelyn Parker, Commissioner, Louisiana Department of Public Welfare, and special guests will include Dr. Bonard Wilson, Coordinator of Field Development, Adult Education Association of the U.S.A.; and Dr. Per Stensland, Professor of Education and head of the Adult Education Program, Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas. Miss Cazayoux reports that the program in Lubbock is a pilot one, backed by the Fund for Adult Education.

Dr. Joseph H. Jones, rural sociologist with the Agricultural Extension Service of L.S.U., is chairman of the conference.

The 45th parish library in Louisiana is on its way toward becoming a reality!

That the next library demonstration is scheduled to open in March in Allen Parish is announced by Miss Essae M. Culver, State Librarian, who says that the demonstration was assured in October when funds for it were appropriated by the Allen Police Jury. It was in April of 1951 that the Jury passed an ordinance of library establishment, placing the parish in line for a demonstration. For the past two years the Jury has been setting aside sums of money toward the time when the demonstration could begin, and their recent appropriation was the final move that enabled the project to get under way.

Mrs. Marietta Edens, a former librarian of Terrebonne Parish, will administer the demonstration in Allen Parish. She has been at Kansas State Teachers' College, Pittsburg, Kansas. A graduate of the L.S.U. Library School, she was, for many years, a county librarian in Arkansas.

Also from Miss Culver comes the news that the Union Parish (whose year-long demonstration library has been in operation since March of 1956) has assured the continuance of library services for its citizens by voting a 3 mill library tax for the next 10 years at the December 28th election. Union Parish thus becomes the 43rd parish to establish a permanent library. Miss Katherine Arnold is librarian for this demonstration.

Vernon is on its way toward having the 44th parish library for its demonstration opened in November and Miss Margie Lynch, Librarian, reports that the people are enthusiastic about the library services. Press and radio of the area have been most helpful with publicity and various organizations, including the garden club and the Little Theater, have eagerly made use of the library services available.

Miss Culver reports that the funds appropriated under the Library Services Act by the last Congress have not yet become available to the states and hence the program with Federal funds has not been initiated. She is, however, pleased to quote from a recent letter received from Ralph M. Dunbar, Director of Library Services of the U. S. Office of Education's Department of Health, Education and Welfare, in which he says: "There never has been any question in our minds about Louisiana's plan meeting the requirements of the Library Services Act."

An article on recruitment entitled "Librarians Needed-Satisfying Career for Students Who Like Books and People" was published in the October issue of Louisiana Schools, Journal of the Louisiana Teachers' Association. Written by Katharine B. James, Public Relations, Louisiana State Library, the article quotes Miss Essae M. Culver, State Librarian, who urges teachers to direct their able students toward careers in librarianship. It also tells of the job opportunities now available in this field as reported to the writer by Miss S. Metella Williams of the L.S.U. Library School; Dr. Lena Y. deGrummond, Supervisor of School Libraries, State Department of Education; and Miss Gray Hughes of the Placement Services of L.S.U.'s College of Education.

This material was also sent out in the form of a state-wide news release.

Over the Charging Desk



Miss Essae M. Culver, State Librarian; Miss Sallie J. Farrell, Field Representative; and Miss Vivian B. Cazayoux, head of the Audio-Visual Department, represented the Louisiana State Library at the annual midwinter meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago January 29th through February 2nd. Miss Culver was active in the conferences of the National Association of State Libraries, and she and Miss Farrell attended meetings concerned with the Library Services Act. Miss Farrell is a member of the Coordinating Committee for the Library Services Act, and of the Federal Relations Committee; while Miss Cazayoux was active in the work of the Audio-Visual

Miss Farrell will be a speaker at the an-

nual meeting of the Oklahoma Library Association to be held in Oklahoma City on March 22nd.

Miss Cazayoux has become president of the Louisiana Adult Education Council due to the resignation of Dr. John Dyer, Dean of University College at Tulane University in New Orleans. She formerly served as vicepresident of the organization.

Mrs. Edith T. Atkinson, Librarian of the Louisiana Collection of the Louisiana State Library, represented that agency at the winter meeting of the Louisiana Chapter of the Special Libraries Association held at the Waterways Experiment Station of the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, Vicksburg, Mississippi, on January 5th. Outstanding event at the meeting was a discussion about the Research Center Library at the Station, which contains 38,000 accessioned volumes. Of special interest to Mrs. Atkinson was the film, "Rivers in Miniature," (showing the work of the Corps in relation to the Mississippi and the Atchafalaya Rivers) and the explanations which followed, since the Louisiana Collection is often called upon to furnish material relating to these streams and the areas through which they flow.

Public Library News

By

EDITH PETERSON

Lafourche Parish Library

The next Calcasieu Parish Library Branch Building to be constructed will be in De-Quincy. A lot is available and plans are for construction to begin in February.

Alhough the installation caused a great deal of confusion and disorder, the East Baton Rouge Parish Library now possesses a new rubber tile floor.

On August 14th, the people of Ouachita Parish approved a \$700,000 bond issue for the construction of new buildings and a 1/4 mill increase in the maintenance tax, effective for the taxable year 1957. With the funds derived from the bond issue, a Headquarters building and a branch will be constructed in Monroe and a branch in West Monroe. The remainder of the fund will be used to purchase additional Bookmobiles and build smaller branches where needed. Members of the Board and the Librarian have been busy studying sites for locations of the buildings. They have made their recommendations to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and it is expected that lots will be purchased at the January meeting of the Jury. In preparation for the building program, Mrs. B. W. Biedenharn, Chairman of the Board of Control, and Miss Frances Flanders, Librarian, made a trip to the Southwestern section of the State on the weekend of November 16-18th. They visited the Carnegie Library in Lake Charles; the Iowa Branch of the Calcasieu Library; the Kaplan Branch, and the headquarters of the Vermilion Parish Library in Abbeville: the Iberia Parish Library and the Washington Branch in New Iberia; the headquarters and a branch of the St. Martin Parish Library in St. Martinville and the Breaux Bridge Branch of the same system; the Lafayette Parish Library; and on the return trip, the Winn Parish Library. Both had a wonderful time and enjoyed the courtesies shown them by the librarians and their Staff members. On November 20th, Miss Flanders and Miss Carrie Dee Drew, a member of the Board, drove to Jackson, Mississippi, with three of the library's architects. They visited the Main Library and two branches there. The Ouachita Parish Library has been invited to present the plans for the Headquarters Library at the Architecture Section of the American Library Association Convention to be held in Kansas City in June.

The St. Martin Parish Library celebrated the coming of the new year by moving into its four new buildings. The entire system was closed after Christmas to facilitate the move. All four branches opened in their new quarters on January 2nd. As yet, the architects, Goodman & Miller of Baton Rouge, have not accepted the buildings due to a few minor items to be completed. The Board of Control will meet the latter part of January to plan for formal opening ceremonies sometime this Spring after the buildings are turned over officially to the Library.

The new wing of the Broadmoor Branch Library in Shreveport has been completed. Plans are now being made for a new building for the Werner Park Branch Library.

The new Hammond Branch of the Tangipahoa Parish Library is nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy. This beautiful building promises to be quite an asset to the community and everyone is awaiting its opening.

The Washington Parish Library tax of 1½ mills was renewed in October for a period of five years.

Ouachita Parish Public Library is preparing a scrapbook of publicity connected with its bond and tax campaign which will be entered in the John Cotton Dana competition this spring.

The second Christmas Story Hour and party was held in the Courtroom in New Roads on December 20th. Because of the weather and the large group of children, it was necessary to transfer the entertainment from the Pointe Coupee Parish Library headquarters to the Courthouse. Miss Rita Gosserand read Christmas stories. The film "The Spirit of Christmas" was shown. Group singing was led by three of the older girls. Bags of candy which had been donated were distributed at the close of the program. The first Christmas Story Hour was held in the Morganza Branch on the following day. A rainstorm just at the hour prevented many from attending. Mrs. Dewey Major was the reader for this group.

Christmas records were played in the lobby of the Shreve Memorial Library during the holidays. This was so popular with the patrons that other records were played when all the Christmas records were in circulation. Patrons requested these records and interest in the collection was stimulated.

As part of the local Christmas celebration, the Amite Branch of the Tangipahoa Parish Library held a Yuletide party for the children of the community. The library was jam-packed with a hundred children of all ages who joined in the festivities and sang Christmas carols. The films, "The Littlest Angel" and "The Steadfast Tin Soldier" were shown to the eager group and interesting little surprises were distributed from Santa's bag. A group of Amite teenagers under the sponsorship of the Parish Library presented on Radio Station WABL the play "Spirit of Christmas" based on that well-loved classic, Little Women. The young actresses in the play went "all out" in their portrayals of the lovable March family, and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to become "stars."

Attending the opening ceremonies of the Vernon Parish Library Demonstration November 17th on the steps of the Courthouse in Leesville were many distinguished visitors including Mr. and Mrs. James Love, Dr. Essae M. Culver, Miss Debora Abramson, State Senator F. E. Cole and State Representative Bert Adams. Library visitors

included Miss Helen Warren and members of her staff from the Fort Polk Library; Mrs. Ruby Hanks, Winn Parish; Mrs. Bessie Elliott, Sabine Parish; Miss George Rose Ferguson, Beauregard Parish; Miss Emily Reed, Rapides Parish; Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell, Many High School; and Mrs. Chris Smith, Leesville High School. The Board and Staff were especially proud to have the officers and members of the Teen-age Library Club of the Leesville High School present for the occasion. Opening ceremonies for the Paul Laurence Dunbar Branch were held December 9th at 3:00 p.m. in the Nona Street U.S.O. adjoining the library. Mrs. Camille Shade, Librarian at Southern University, was the guest speaker. Approximately 100 persons visited the library following the ceremonies. The Dunbar Branch is open 15 hours per week with Mrs. Birdie Lee Mallet as Branch Assistant. 5,842 books have been circulated since the Vernon Parish Library Demonstration's formal opening in spite of the holidays. 1,910 persons have registered at the Bookmobile, Leesville and Dunbar Branches.

The New Orleans Public Library is extremely fortunate in having the volunteer services of Mrs. Martha Gasquet Westfeldt for nine months each year in arranging outstanding exhibits at the Milton H. Latter Memorial Library. Mrs. Westfeldt collects materials suitable for display purposes, not only in New Orleans but from elsewhere; and in the late fall she obtained from Asheville, North Carolina, an attractive group of materials representing handiwork of the mountaineers in that area. Mrs. Westfeldt sends out postals announcing the exhibits to patrons who have indicated particular interest, and the displays attract many people to the Latter Library. Mid-winter is the time of the city-wide promotion of special Library activities and projects. Typical activities include the Junior Stamp Collectors Club, which meets at the Latter Library twice each month; the Art Club which meets every Saturday at the Nora Navra Library; weekly puppet shows at Branch Libraries, sponsored in cooperation with the Junior League of New Orleans; regular

meetings of the Adult & Young Adult Clubs at the Dryades Branch Library; regular weekly story hours at many agencies; and weekly "Magic Tree" television programs featuring the Library and conducted by the Council of Jewish Women.

A number of gifts have been received by the New Orleans Public Library in recent months. One of the most interesting was the sum of \$75 to be used for redecorating the interior of the Dryades Branch, donated by the Alpha Gamma Zeta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. In making the presentation the Sorority stated that this was part of their program to combat juvenile delinquency, in the belief that a more inviting Library would serve to attract a wider group of young people to the agency - and hence profit thereby. The Futterman Foundation has once again presented the Library with the sum of \$150 to be used for the purchase of recordings to be placed in the Dryades Branch Library. This has been an annual presentation of the Foundation for the past few years.

Mrs. John Harrell, Exangeline Parish Librarian; Mrs. Robert Juneau, Mrs. Hart Perrodin and Mrs. Adrian Hebert of the Headquarters Staff; Mrs. Lionel Guillory, Ville Platte Assistant; and Mrs. Edway Savoy, Basile Assistant, attended the regional meeting of the Evangeline Area Librarians and Library Assistants in Crowley on November 12th. The Evangeline Parish Library Board of Control held its regular quarterly meeting on Wednesday, November 28th. Following the meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Hart Perrodin entertained the members of the Board and Headquarters Staff and their husbands and wives with a barbecue supper.

The staff of the Pointe Coupee Parish Library met at the headquarters building in New Roads on December 15th for the regular semi-annual conference. Miss Sarah Jones of the Louisiana State Library was the guest speaker. Miss Jones, who spoke on "Old Homes of Louisiana," illustrated her talk with colored slides of many antebellum homes. The group exchanged gifts at a "dutch treat" luncheon at the Morel Hotel following the meeting.

Washington, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parish Libraries held their first triparish conference for board and staff members in Franklinton on November 21, 1956. Librarians from the three parishes with 33 staff members attended. Also present were the Police Jury Presidents of Washington and Tangipahoa Parishes and Mr. Frank Heyward, Jr. and Miss Frances Williams of the Washington Parish Library Board. Members of the State Library Staff included were Dr. Essae M. Culver, Miss Sarah I. Jones and Mrs. Katherine B. Jones. Mrs. Louise Protti of the New Orleans Public Library gave a book mending demonstration. Mr. Charles L. "Pie". Dufour was the guest speaker.

The Lafourche Parish Library Staff held its fourth quarterly staff meeting in Thibodaux on December 4th. Miss Edith Peterson, Parish Librarian, and Mrs. Florette Porche, Assistant Librarian, attended the District Work-Simplification Planning Meeting in Houma, December 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brent Chesson announced an early Season's Greeting—a 7 pound, 1 ounce boy, on December 6, 1956. Brent, Jr., is already being called T'Jean. Mrs. Chesson (Reva Jones) is cataloger at Calcasieu Parish Library.

Miss Hope Reed of the Reference Staff at East Baton Rouge Parish Library has resigned to accept a position as an Air Force Librarian at Montgomery, Alabama. She has been replaced by Miss Nancy McGinnies of Baton Rouge.

The Right Reverend Monsignor Irving A. DeBlanc, first vice-president of the Evangeline Parish Library Board, visited the Ville Platte Branch in December.

Mrs. Dorothy M. Love, Assistant Librarian of the Lake Charles Public Library, replaces Miss Tommie Jean Tullos who took a position as Librarian with the Air Force. Mrs. Love will be in charge of the film and records department which will be started this year.

Mrs. James Gates (Lola Cooper) resigned as LaSalle Parish Librarian on December 31st. She will reside at 210 W. Sixth Street, Oakdale, Louisiana. Mrs. H. D. Gaddis (Cecil T.) who received her B.S. in L.S. from L.S.U. in 1939 has been appointed Librarian.

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Mrs. Violet Kulcke, a 1956 graduate of Northeast Louisiana College with a major in Library Science, is now working as assistant Librarian at the Ouachita Parish Public Library. Her duties include three days on the Bookmobile and two days in Monroe where she is in charge of registration and inter-library loan. Another new staff member is Mrs. Dan Dennett who is working as a clerical assistant in headquarters.

Miss Louise Gregory, head of the Circulation Department of the Shreve Memorial Library, resigned October 1, 1956. She was married to Mr. E. R. Jones on December 1st. Mrs. Gilbert Fletcher, Genealogical Assistant, resigned November 15th to make her home in New Orleans. Miss Gloria Monk is the new assistant.

Miss Frances Williams, Vice-President of the Washington Parish Library Board, spent the Christmas holidays in Nassau, visiting her sister, Mrs. Nevin Nutt.

Miss Anna May McCurdy, Librarian of the Mayor-Gentilly Library, has been presented with a bronze plaque by the Gentilly Lions Club for "her outstanding services to the community of Gentilly." Miss McCurdy is the first and only Librarian of this agency, which was opened in 1949; and she has inaugurated many projects with the clubs and organizations of the Gentilly area, thus making the Library the center of civic and educational life for a wide area of suburban New Orleans. Newcomer to the New Orleans Public Library staff is Mrs. Cynthia Carso Frederick, Library Assistant in the Archives Department, replacing Miss Ana Maria Lamar who resigned.

News from S.L.A.

By

VERLYN SANDERS

The Louisiana Chapter of Special Libraries Association and the Special Libraries Section of the Mississippi Library Association met January 5, at 11:00 A. M., at the U. S. Army, Waterways Experiment Station, Research Center.

Mississippi Special Librarians present who are not members of our chapter were: Miss Louise Williams, Chairman of Special Libraries Section of Mississippi Library Association and Librarian at the State Health Board, Jackson, Mississippi; Miss Jean Gunter, Librarian, Department of Mississippi Public Welfare, Jackson; Miss Helen Cecil, Business and Industrial Section of the Jackson Public Library; Miss Mary Sherrard, Librarian at the Vicksburg Public Library; Mrs. Ruth Baxter, Librarian, Veteran's Administration Library; Mrs. A. C. Alexander,

All Saints College Librarian at Vicksburg, Mississippi; and Mrs. Martha Skelton, wife of Mr. Alan Skelton, Librarian of Waterways Experiment Station. (Mrs. Skelton, by the way, is a graduate librarian, too.)

We are especially grateful to the following for the successful and educational program: Mr. C. B. Patterson, Chief, Technical Services Division; Mr. W. B. Tanner, Chief, Research Center; Mr. and Mrs. Alan Skelton, Head Librarian and wife; Mrs. Marie Spivey, Assistant Librarian; Staff Members: Mrs. Beatrice Ford, Mrs. Estell Sigler, Mrs. Joy Thomas, Mrs. Barbara Andrews, Mrs. Elizabeth McDade, Mrs. Angelina W. Lavecchis, and Mrs. Virginia Dale.

In the absence of our Secretary, Nell Davidson, Martha Ann Peters took the Minutes. Harriet Lemann gave the report of the Membership Chairman as Mrs. Fort was unable to attend. She reported that our membership now consists of: 29 active, 11 associate, 8 institutional, 1 honorary and 1 life member, totalling 50 members. Of these 1 member is located in Florida, 1 in New Mexico, 8 in Mississippi and 40 in Louisiana. In order to cover all sections of the state in our membership drive, Mr. Kirby of Lake Charles, Miss Jane Davies of Shreveport and Mrs. Sara Pickell of Baton Rouge were asked to serve as committee members. The cooperation of all members of the Louisiana Chapter is requested in sending names of interested persons to the Membership Committee.

The Treasurer's report was given by Marie Spivey in the absence of our Treasurer: Citizens Homestead (Savings) \$130.34; Progressive Bank (Checking) \$137.36; Total \$267.70.

Attending the Winter Meeting in Vicksburg from New Orleans were: Miss Janet Riley, Loyola University; Miss Mary Ann Peters, Tulane University; Miss Harriet Lemann, International House; Mrs. Verlyn Sanders, The California Company; and Mrs.

Marie McPherson, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

From Baton Rouge the following were in attendance: Miss Florien McKnight, Esso Laboratories; Mrs. F. W. Pickell, Louisiana Department of Public Works; Mrs. Edith Atkinson, Louisiana State Library; and Mrs. Margaret Lane, Office of State Publications and Documents.

Our past President, Mr. Charles Lewis, Librarian of New York Times Library, with Mr. Offenhouser, has written a useful book entitled "Microrecording Industrial and Library Applications." We recommend it for all special librarians.

The Sci-Tech Division of National SLA had as a project the publication of "The Handbook of Scientific and Technical Awards" with Margaret A. Firth as Editor. Over 500 copies have been sold. The other new book with its fifth revision is "Handbook of Commercial, Financial and Information Service." Over 700 copies have been sold since September.

The National Conventions are scheduled as follows: Boston-May, 1957; Chicago-1958; Atlantic City-1959; Cleveland-June 5-9, 1960. Make plans to attend in May.

The Scholarship Fund on Its First Birthday

Almost a year has passed since the LLA approved the initiation of its first scholar-ship. At that time, little did the Scholar-ship Committee know what a "chunk" it was "biting off." Little did it realize that it needed to be an authority on solicitation, income tax exemption, and investment. In spite of the problems that have arisen, the biggest of which made it impossible for us to solicit from industry this year, the fund has, slowly but surely, grown.

The LLA got it off to a good start with a \$500.00 donation. Since that time we have received amounts large and small, ranging from \$1.00 to \$176.14, the latter amount having been donated by the Baton Rouge Library Club. We hope other library clubs will. follow suit! Donations have come from LLA members, from Library School Alumni (classes '30 through '56), students, and those who attended but did not graduate, from trustees and ex-trustees, and from "just" friends. We are especially proud of the unsolicited donation from the Teen-Age Librarian's Association. Geographically our donors have been from near and far—as far away as Honolulu.

Most gratifying have been some of the letters that have accompanied the checks. One person said:"The scholarship fund is a fine project; since I gained so much personally by attending LSU, I naturally wish others could have the same opportunity." Or, "I am sending a dollar for every year I have been a librarian." Most gratifying, too, have been the wonderful enthusiasm, cooperation, and suggestions that we have received.

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The total amount in the LLA Scholarship Fund as of January 17, 1957, is \$1,814.79. Next year we plan to solicit industry and we hope to be hearing from you again. If you haven't done so, get on the band wagon, and send your check to either Florrinell Morton or Marguerite Hanchey—both at LSU.

An alphabetical list of donors as of January 15, 1957, follows:

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The Public Libraries Division of the American Library Association has issued its annual list of "Notable Books" which includes 42 titles. The selection from among books published during 1956 was presented at the ALA Mid-winter Meeting at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, by the Notable Books Council for distribution on Friday, February 1.

John T. Eastlick, Librarian, Denver Public Library, who is President of the Divi-

sion said of the list:

"The annual publication of the Notable Books List by the Public Libraries Division of the American Library Association is a means of recognizing quality writing published during the preceding calendar year. Recognizing that significant and important works may be lost in the mountain above all for their genuine interest and appeal for the general reader who seeks to broaden and deepen his understanding of himself, his world, and his society.

"Thirty-five libraries participated in the project during 1956. Though the December titles were considered, the effective work of the Notable Books Council should not be considered to extend beyond November 30, 1956. All December titles should be examined by the Council for possible inclusion on the list for 1957."

Other members of the Notable Books Council are:

Dorothy Alvord, Head Librarian, King County Public Library, Seattle, Washington; Mrs. Florence S. Craig, Director of Adult Education, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio; Ruth A. Dennis, Librarian, Carnegie-Stout Free Public Library, Dubuque, Iowa; Mrs. Lois Edgecomb, Librarian, Jefferson Branch, Public Library, Detroit, Michigan; Venable Lawson, Head Reof publications issued each year, the Notable Books Council selects those books which it believes would affect the thinking of the American public and which represent a signal contribution to the literary world. This cooperative evaluation of 1956 publications makes the Notable Books List of importance to librarians, publishers and authors, and certainly to the reading public at large."

Bernard W. Van Horne, Librarian, Library Association of Portland, Oregon, Chairman of the Council, said:

The books were chosen from a long list of excellent examples of noteworthy publishing in the year 1956. The listed titles are particularly valuable for their contributions to understanding among individuals and groups, their originality or fine writing, but ference Department, Public Library, Atlanta, Georgia; Edna G. Peck, Chief, Book Selection, Home Reading and Community Service, Public Library, Boston, Massachusetts; Lillian C. Perron, Senior Librarian, Lending and Reference Department, Public Library, Newark, New Jersey; Blanche A. Smyth, Superintendent, Circulation Department, Public Library, Seattle, Washington; Margaret L. Stapleton, Head of Literature, Young Adult and Popular Library Departments, Public Library, Tacoma, Washington; Clytie E. Strahler, Head, Training Class Activities and First Assistant, Reference Department, Public Library, Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Anne V. Summers, Head of Adult Service, Public Library, Kingsport, Ten-

Following is the list:

NOTABLE BOOKS OF 1956

Anderson, Marian. My Lord, What a Morning. Viking.

The famous contralto tells of her long struggle to become a concert singer. A genuine expression of a great artist and public figure.

Bemis, Samuel F. John Quincy Adams and the Union. Knopf.

A distinguished biography.

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Bowers, Faubion. Theatre in the East. Nelson.

A lively but expert appraisal of the theatre and dance of the Orient.

Brooks, Van Wyck. Helen Keller. Dutton. With rare grace and affection, an old friend of Helen Keller pays a poignant tribute to her remarkable spiritual courage.

Brown, John Mason. Through These Men. Harper.

Tempered observations on contemporary politics and political personalities.

Burns, James M. Roosevelt: The Lion and the Fox. Harcourt.

A lion in nobility and strength, a fox in methods—thus the author of this fine biography explains the complex character and career of FDR.

Catton, Bruce. This Hallowed Ground. Doubleday.

The Civil War from the Northern side. Superb writing, skillful choice of relevant details, and a wonderful narrative sweep.

Ceram, C. W. The Secret of the Hittites.
Knopf.

Archaeology's exciting rediscovery of the powerful Hittite empire, lost to history for three thousand years.

Chafee, Zechariah. The Blessings of Liberty. Lippincott.

A challenging and timely discussion of the meaning and development of traditional American freedoms.

Churchill, Winston. A History of the English-Speaking Peoples. Vol. 1, The Birth of Britain; Vol. 2, The New World. Dodd.

A memorable history, and an enduring record of our common race; illuminated by flashes of genius, character, and style.

Daiches, David. Two Worlds. Harcourt.

The two wonderful worlds of the author's youth: his native Scotland and his Jewish heritage and culture. Donovan, Robert J. Eisenhower: The Inside Story. Harper.

A crisp and revealing examination of behind-the-scenes doings during the first three years of Eisenhower's presidency.

Ervine, St. John. *Bernard Shaw*. Morrow. Solid, spirited, and laced with wit. An impressive centennial biography by a friend of forty years.

Forester, Cecil S. The Age of Fighting Sail; The Story of the Naval War of 1812. Doubleday.

Masterly account of great sea fights by a first-rate story teller turned historian.

Gesell, Arnold L. Youth: The Years from Ten to Sixteen. Harper.

Recommendations covering the problems of youth at each stage of development.

Hersey, John R. A Single Pebble. Knopf. Human strength and tragedy, revealed through a boatman's struggle in the terrifying gorges of the Yangtze. A short novel of classic simplicity and distinction.

Huddleston, Trevor. Naught for Your Comfort. Doubleday.

An absorbing and disturbing book about the degrading effects of South Africa's rigid segregation policy, as observed by an Anglican monk and citizen.

Hulme, Kathryn C. The Nun's Story. Little. The struggle of a soul caught in a spiritual crisis behind the walls of a cloister. A profound experience, written with delicacy and sincerity.

Kendall, Paul M. Richard the Third. Norton.

Sound scholarship and a distinguished style characterize this definitive biography of the enigmatic King Richard III.

Kennedy, John F. Profiles in Courage. Harper.

A remarkable book about American statesmen who stood behind their principles even at the cost of their political lives.

Kirby, Richard S. Engineering in History. McGraw.

The story of the vital role of engineering in the developing story of Western civilization from its beginnings.

- LaFarge, Oliver. Behind the Mountains. Houghton.
 - A New Mexican childhood gracefully recaptured.
- Maughan, A. Margery. Harry of Monmouth. Sloane.
 - Dramatic novel about Henry V and the colorful life that swirled around his royal court in fifteenth-century England.
- Maurois, Andre. Olympio; The Life of Victor Hugo. Harper.
 - Masterly biography of the romantic poet and novelist who dazzled the literary, political, and social circles of nineteenthcentury France.
- Mead, Margaret. New Lives for Old. Morrow.
 - The Manus of New Guinea as a case study of a primitive society in transition and trial.
- Millis, Walter. Arms and Men. Putnam.

 American military history and its influence on American life and policies.
- Mills, C. Wright. The Power Elite. Oxford.

 A provocative analysis of the decision makers in American life.
- Moore, Ruth E. The Earth We Live On. Knopf.
 - The nature and origin of the earth, personalized by stories of the scholars and fieldmen who formulated the theories.
- Moorehead, Alan. Gallipoli. Harper.
 - One of the tragedies of history, the famous Dardanelles Campaign of World War I. Superbly recreates the scene, the atmosphere, and the drama.
- Moraes, Francis R. Jawaharlal Nehru. Mac-millan.
 - A major study of the Prime Minister by one of India's leading journalists.
- Muir, Edwin. One Foot in Eden. Grove.
 A warmly inspiring collection of beautiful poems.
- O'Connor, Edwin. The Last Hurrah. Little. A charming political rogue dominates this wise and witty novel of an Irish-American mayoralty campaign.

- Olson, Sigurd F. The Singing Wilderness. Knopf.
 - The land northwest of Lake Superior, one of the few remaining wilderness areas, pictured with simple beauty.
- O'Neill, Eugene. Long Day's Journey Into Night. Yale.
 - An autobiographical drama, a compassionate analysis of weaknesses and defenses in a tortured family.
- Rossiter, Clinton L. The American Presidency. Harcourt.
 - The American presidency has seldom been described with greater wit, enthusiasm, and insight.
- Rowan, Carl T. The Pitiful and the Proud. Random House.
 - Asia's many deep-seated problems seen through the eyes of an articulate member of one of America's minorities.
- Russell, Bertrand. Portraits from Memory. Simon & Schuster.
 - Late appraisals, seasoned and flavorable, of personalities of his time.
- Seldes, Gilbert. The Public Arts. Simon & Schuster.
 - The far-reaching influence of TV, radio, and movies on our habits and attitudes.
- Teale, Edwin Way. Autumn Across America.
 - A tribute to the American autumn season written in beautiful prose by a fine naturalist.
- Tharp, Louise Hall. Three Saints and a Sinner. Little.
 - Julia Ward Howe, her sisters and her brother, pictured against a rich background of nineteenth-century Boston and New York.
- Toynbee, Arnold. An Historian's Approach to Religion. Oxford.
 - A history of the world's religions and the relation of that history to the spiritual dilemma of our time.
- Warren, Robert Penn. Segregation: The Inner Conflict in the South. Random House. Honest picture of the general climate of opinion on segregation, as reported by a Southern Putlitzer-Prize novelist.

Louisiana Geen-age Librarians Association

Recently the Louisiana Teen-Age Librarians Association met at Louisiana State University for their seventh annual session. Fifty-three schools were represented at the two-day convention by nearly four hundred members. Each school is allowed seven representatives (including the sponsoring librarian) who vote as a body.

The theme of the meeting "Assistants Today — Librarians Tomorrow" was carried out by panel discussions and reports. Mr. Shelby M. Jackson, State Superintendent of Public Education in Louisiana, Mr. Wade O. Martin, Louisiana Secretary of State, and Miss Sallie Farrell of Louisiana State Library gave short talks on the importance of librarians and libraries.

Annie Lee Fusilier, a senior of Eunice High School, reported her experiences at the annual State-wide Leadership Conference sponsored by Louisiana State University. One section of the conference is always devoted to libraries.

A very interesting and inspirational book talk was given by Mr. Ray Fry of Dallas Public Library.

The poster contest award for the best on the subject of recruitment was given to Ouachita High School, with certificates of honorable mention going to St. Martinville High School and Sulphur High School. All posters entered were then given to the Recruitment Committee of Louisiana Library Association to be used throughout the State.

A check for \$50.00 was presented to the scholarship fund of Louisiana Library Association recently established in honor of Louisiana State University Library School.

The new officers for 1957 are:

President: Faye Delahoussaye, St. Martinville High School

Vice-President: Carol Buckman, Natchitoches High School

Secretary: Linda Guidry, Lake Charles High School

Treasurer: Nancy Hoover, New Iberia High School

Reporter: Janet Sharp, Boyce High School

The Louisiana Tenn-Age Librarians Association is sponsored by the Louisiana Association of School Librarians, which is a section of both Louisiana Teachers Association and Louisiana Library Association.

The Modisette Award given by the Louisiana Library Association will again be awarded to the high school having the best student assistant program in the State.

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A. L. A. Book Awards

By

LEN ARNOLD

The American Library Association has announced judges for the A. L. A. Liberty and Justice Book Awards to authors of three books published in 1956 which "make distinguished contributions to the American tradition of liberty and justice." Prizes of \$5,000 each will be made in three categories.

The categories, and the judges who will select the winners are:

- (1) Contemporary affairs and problems (non-fiction): Herbert Brucker, Editor, Hartford (Conn.) Courant; chairman, Committee on Freedom of Information, American Society of Newspaper Editors; William O. Douglas, Associate Justice, U. S. Supreme Court, author, "An Almanac of Liberty," etc.; Margaret Chase Smith, U. S. Senator from Maine.
 - (2) History and biography (non-fiction):

Julian P. Boyd, Professor of History, Princeton University, editor of "Thomas Jefferson Papers," author, "Anglo-American Union," "Declaration of Independence," etc.; Margaret Clapp, President, Wellesley College, Pulitzer Prize winner for biography, "Forgotten First Citizen: John Bigelow"; Henry S. Commager, Professor of History, Columbia University, author of "Majority Rule and Minority Rights," "The American Mind," "Living Ideas in America," "Freedom, Loyalty, and Dissent," etc.

(3) Imaginative literature (fiction, poetry or published drama): Arna Bontemps, Librarian, Fisk University, author of "Story of the Negro," "Story of George Washington Carver," etc.; George R. Stewart, Professor of English, University of California, author of "American Ways of Life," "The Year of the Oath," etc.; Allen Tate, critic

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and poet, author of "On the Limits of Poetry," "The House of Fiction," "The Forlorn Demon," etc.

The awards are being administered by the A. L. A. Committee on Intellectual Freedom whose Chairman is former A.L.A. President Robert B. Downs, Director of the Library School and University of Illinois Library, Urbana, Ill. Downs said:

"Purpose of the A. L. A. Liberty and Justice Book Awards is to draw attention of Americans to outstanding books in this important area; to encourage authors and publishers in creating such books; to recognize those who do so.

"Anyone—anywhere—may suggest published works to be considered by the judges. We plan to issue a brochure shortly which will give all details of the awards, and these

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will be sent directly to publishers and other interested institutions and organizations."

The awards for books published in 1956 will be made at a presentation ceremony scheduled to be held on the evening of April 25, 1957, in the new Donnell Library Center of the New York Public Library at 20 West 53rd Street in New York. Time and place of awards for books published in 1957 will be announced later.

Downs added that awards are not mandatory—if a jury finds no distinguished contribution in its field, it will not make an award.

Inquiries and suggestions of nominations for the awards should be sent to: Robert B. Downs, Chairman, A. L. A. Intellectual Freedom Committee, University of Illinois Library, Urbana, Illinois.

Adult Education Resource File for A. L. A.

By LEN ARNOLD

A new resource of especial interest to librarians interested in developing adult education programs of all kinds is now available at Headquarters of the American Library Association.

The Resources Committee of the Adult Education Section of the A. L. A. Public Libraries Division has just completed a yearlong task—finding and bringing together in a file the names of more than 450 librarians and non-librarians who have had important experience in adult education as consultants, researchers, speakers, panel members, discussion leaders or resource people. The committee chairman is Robert S. Ake, Public Library Consultant, Connecticut State Department of Education.

The new Adult Education Resource File classifies these persons by their specialties: (1) Community study (delineation of trade areas, development of questionnaires, analy-

sis of population, etc.); (2) Leadership training for community service, group techniques, and discussion methods using films, recordings, printed materials, etc.; (3) Program planning and services for special groups (the aging, labor, family, etc.); (4) Evaluation of programs and services (establishment of goals, collection of data, tabulation, analysis, etc.); (5) Other adult education services (film production and use, public relations, etc.).

The A. L. A. Library-Community Project is now enabled to give prompt reply to requests for help in locating resource people—in all parts of the country—from non-library groups as well as from public, school, college, and special libraries to serve as consultants for workshops, institutes and other types of library meetings. Inquiries should be directed to Miss Ruth Warncke, Director, A. L. A. Library-Community Project, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

The New Main Library for New Orleans—Progress Report

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Main Library were held Friday, November 30, at the new location in the Civic Center of downtown New Orleans. To the tune of riveters constructing the 11 storied City Hall two blocks away, the Supreme Court Building one block away, and a new multi-storied office building directly across the street, as well as the sound of heavy traffic, speakers extolled the fact that "a new Library day was dawning" for the people of New Orleans.

Mr. Charles G. Smither, Chairman of the Library Board, presided. Special features of the program included citations of the major Library donors, from the time of Abijah and Alvarez Fisk in 1843 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Smith, donors of the Smith Library in Lakeview, in 1956.

Other major donors included the heirs of Simon Hernsheim, who provided endowment funds, represented on the platform by Mr. Simon Hernsheim Oury and Mr. Oscar Z. Oury; Andrew Carnegie, donor of the present Main Library and five Branch Libraries; Dr. J. T. Nix and brothers, site of the Nix Branch Library, represented by Dr. J. T. Nix; Mrs. Norman Mayer, donor of the Norman Mayer Gentilly Library, the Norman Mayer Broadmoor Library, and the Norman Mayer Fund, represented by Mrs. Albert Wachenheim, Sr.; Miss Nora Navra, legacy used for the Nora Navra Library; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Latter, donors of the Milton H. Latter Memorial Library, represented by Mr. Harry Latter; Mr. and Mrs. Theo V. Martinez, donation and endowment for the LaHache Music Library, represented by Miss Lucy Jamison; Dr. Edmond Souchon, Jazz and Folk Music, Collection, represented by Dr. Souchon; Miss Marie Kronenberger, legacy, represented by Mrs. Connell Clifford; and Mrs. Martha Gasquet Westfeldt, Art Library with ceramics, books and

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The ground-breaking ceremonies served also as the kick-off for the city-wide campaign for gifts for the new Main Library. A bookmobile, staffed by the Friends of the New Orleans Public Library, was parked at the site and enclosed in the invitations were requests that gift books be brought to the ceremonies. On the following Monday, December 3, the Friends had in the mails a brochure they had designed and printed at their own expense outlining some of the most important needs of the Library and requesting donations.

Also introduced at these ceremonies were representatives from a number of civic and educational organizations which had made the new Main Library a matter of primary

Brief addresses were made by Dr. Garland F. Taylor, Director of Libraries, Tulane University; Mrs. Moise W. Dennery, President, Friends of the New Orleans Public Library; Mrs. W. G. Fisher, President, Library League of New Orleans; and the Honorable Victor H. Schiro, Councilman representing the Mayor of New Orleans.

Initial construction of the building was

scheduled to begin shortly after January 1, 1957, with occupancy expected during 1958. The building, designed by the three New Orleans firms of Curtis and Davis; Favrot, Reed, Mathes and Bergman; and Goldstein, Parham and Labouisse; will be of the most modern aluminum and glass design. Ultimate book capacity will be over 1,000,000 volumes and the contract for construction of the building and stacks amounts to \$2,528,797.00.

The New Orleans Public Library is doubly fortunate in having two organizations dedicated to its development. In addition to the "Friends" the Library League, which dates back some 20 years, is made up of organizations pledged to support public library progress, and this organization also is active in the current campaign for furnishing and equipping the new building. Officers of the Library League include: Mrs. W. G. Fisher, President; Mr. H. C. Cabral, Jr., 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Myrtle Gamas, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. J. Edmunds, 3rd Vice-President; Miss Sarah Edmunds, Secretary; Mrs. Mathilda Nungesser, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Joseph E. Friend, Parliamentarian, and Mr. John Hall Jacobs, Acting Treasurer.

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Sammy A. Dyson, Louisiana College, Pineville (1960).

Louisiana Literary Award

Chairman, Ruth Lefkovits, Iberia Parish Library, New Iberia (1957).

George King Logan, New Orleans Public Library (1957).

Dr. Garland F. Taylor, Howard-Tilton Memorial Library, Tulane University, New Orleans (1958).

Mrs. Edith T. Atkinson, Louisiana State Library, Baton Rouge (1959).

Emily W. Reed, Rapides Parish Library, Alexandria (1959).

Membership Committee

Chairman, Mr. T. N. McMullan, Louisiana State University Library, Baton Rouge (ex-officio, 1957). Mrs. Evelyn S. Cormier, Martin Behrman High School, New Orleans (ex-officio, 1957).

Ovey Trahan, Winn Parish Library Board, Winnfield (1959).

Alice Clay, Sunset High School, Sunset (1959).

Bob Mowery, McNeese State College Li brary, Lake Charles (1957).

Miss Marion Taylor, Webster Parish Library, Minden (1959).

Modisette Award

Chairman, Dr. Eugene P. Watson, Russell Library, Northwestern State College, Natchitoches (1957).

Mrs. Margaret T. Lane, Office of the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge (1957).

Mrs. Margaret Reed Gueymard, East Baton Rouge Parish Library, Baton Rouge (1957). Miss Robbie Crane, Lakeshore Junior High School, Shreveport (1958).

Mary Ellen Tilley, St. Mary Parish Library, Franklin (1958).

> Modisette Award— Sub-Committee for Trustees

Chairman, Mrs. Margaret Reed Gueymard, East Baton Rouge Parish Library, Baton Rouge (1957).

Mrs. Lois F. Shortess, Louisiana State Library, Baton Rouge (1957).

Mrs. Robert Rhymes, Richland Parish Library Board, Rayville (1957).

Carrie Dee Drew, Ouachita Parish Public Library Board, Monroe (1958).

Elizabeth Cammack, East Carroll Parish Library, Lake Providence (1958).

Nominating Committee

Chairman, Mrs. Lucie Mae Bishop, L. A. Sims Memorial Library, Southeastern Louisiana College, Hammond (1957).

Mrs. Florrinell F. Morton, Library School, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge (1957).

Willie Mae Seab, Caldwell Parish Library, Columbia (1957).

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Chairman, Mrs. Olin D. Moore, L. A. Sims Memorial Library, Southeastern Louisiana College, Hammond (ex-officio, 1957).

Emily Spencer, Calcasieu Parish Library, Lake Charles (1959).

Alleen S. Thompson, Rapides Parish Library, Alexandria (1958).

A. L. Layton, Research Dept. Library, United Gas Corporation, Shreveport (1959).

Martha Ann Peters, Howard-Tilton Memorial Library, Tulane University, New Orleans (1959).

Recruiting

Chairman, Jean Royston, Sulphur Junior High School, Sulphur (1959)

Elizabeth Colvin Stoney, L. A. Sims Memorial Library, Southeastern Louisiana College, Hammond (1957).

Margie Ruth Lynch, Vernon Parish Demonstration, Leesville (1958).

Mrs. Charlotte C. Gaylord, St. Charles Parish Library, Hahnville (1959).

Charlotte Holbrook, Calcasieu Parish Library, Lake Charles (1959).

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THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION JUNG HOTEL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA MARCH 7-9, 1957

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

9:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M.—Registration (Mezzanine)

10:00 A.M.—Advisory Council Meeting (Room 3, Second Floor)

2:00 P.M.—First General Session (Tulane Room), Mrs. Dorothy B. Skau, presiding Platform Guests—Officers of the Association

Invocation—Dr. A. M. Serex, President, Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches

Greetings—The Honorable deLesseps S. Morrison, Mayor of New Orleans Response—T. N. McMullan

"Library Services Act"-Julia D. Bennett

Federal Aid to Louisiana Libraries-Dr. Essae M. Culver

Address—"The Key to Progress—Speedy Use of Published Information," Dr. Gould H. Cloud, Librarian, Humble Oil Co., Houston

Reports-

American Library Association-John Hall Jacobs

Southwestern Library Association—Mrs. Rubie M. Hanks, Mrs. Lois Shortess, and Dr. Eugene P. Watson

Business-Election of Officers

Introduction of Exhibitors-Evelyn Peters

4:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.-Coffee with the Exhibitors (Lounge No. 2)

8:00 P.M.—Second General Session (Tulane Room), Mrs. Olin D. Moore, presiding Platform Guests—Officers-elect of the Association, Conference co-chairmen and program chairman

"Operation Library"—Cecil Edmonds, West Memphis, Arkansas, Jaycees Keynote Address—"Through the Burning Glass"—Dr. Lawrence Clark Powell

Reception—(Tulane Room)

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

8:00 A.M.—Past Presidents' Breakfast (Meeting Room No. 5, Second Floor)

9:00 A.M.-2:30 P.M.—Registration (Mezzanine)

9:30 A.M.—Sectional Meetings

College and Reference (Meeting Room Nos. 4 and 5, Second Floor), Chairman, J. Mitchell Reames

Address—"Four Very Short Stories"—Dr. Lawrence Clark Powell Coffee Break

Discussion—"The Union Catalog of Louisiana Materials"—Norma Durand, Chairman, Louisiana Materials Committee and Dr. James W. Dyson, Editor of the Catalog

Business

Louisiana Association of School Librarians (Meeting Room Nos. 9 and 10), President, Brunette G. Klaus

Address—"New Orleans à la Mode"—Charles L. "Pie" Dufour Business

Public Library Section (Tulane Room), Chairman, Lila May Foss Address—"Federal Aid—the First Step Only"—Julia D. Bennett

"Implications of 'Operation Library' for the Louisiana Jaycees"—Cecil Edmonds

12:30 P.M.—Luncheon Meetings (Charcoal Room—Lobby Floor), Round Table Discussion Groups

1:30 P.M.-2:00 P.M.—Citizens' Library Movement (Meeting Room Nos. 4 and 5),
President, James I. Love, Louisiana State Library Board, Baton Rouge

2:00 P.M.—Trustees' Section (Meeting Room Nos. 4 and 5), Chairman, Charles G. Smither

Address—"Now That We Have Built"—Mrs. (C. C.) Lelia B. Clark Panel Discussion

Business

4:00 P.M.-5:30 P.M.—Tea, Pontalba 1850 House, 525 St. Ann St., opposite Jackson Square

7:45 P.M.—Book Dinner (Tulane Room), T. N. McMullan, Presiding

Entertainment

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Addresses—"Some Things Johnny Reads in Spite of"—Christine Noble Govan

"Confederate Stories—A Different Valor"—Dr. Gilbert E. Govan

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

8:00 A.M.—Breakfast Meeting—Louisiana State University Library School Alumni Association (Meeting Room Nos. 9 and 10, second floor)

9:30 A.M.—Third General Session (Tulane Room), Mrs. Dorothy B. Skau, presiding Platform Guests—Section Chairmen and Chairmen-elect

Panel—"Highlights of Modern Literature," Dr. Robert Whittemore, Moderator

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Business

Reports

Committee on Revision of State Documents Distribution Act—Peggy Harper, Law Library, Louisiana State University

Committee on the Union Catalog of Louisiana Materials—Norma Durand, Stephens Memorial Library, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette

"A Progress Report"—James W. Dyson

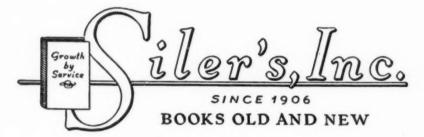
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